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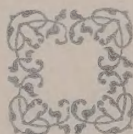
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COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual Session, held at Spokane,
Washington, April 7-11, 1909

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*
J. E. BRADLEY, *Secretary* E. H. STAYT, *Assistant Secretary*
J. E. BRADLEY, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Nominations—E. W. Achilles, A. M. Bean, S. M. Smith, Ira Brown.
On Public Worship—Walter A. Sellew, A. M. Bean, W. H. Boddy.
On Publications—Guy Denney, S. S. Parris, G. S. Pond.
On Education—Ira Brown, S. M. Smith.
On Sunday-schools—Thomas Weir, S. S. Parris, Albert Dygert.
On Reforms—Ira Brown, S. Bartlowe, E. W. Achilles.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.
On State of the Work—The district elders.
On Home Missions—The stationing committee.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—Thomas Weir, S. M. Smith.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—Lee Dally.
On Claimants and Claims—Walter A. Sellew, A. M. Bean, E. W. Achilles, S. M. Smith, J. W. Tuttle.
On Complimentary Resolutions—W. H. Boddy, J. E. Bradley.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

A. M. Bean, president; S. M. Smith, secretary; Guy Denney, treasurer.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. E. Bradley, for five years; Guy Denney, for four years; E. M. Norris, for three years; E. W. Achilles, for two years; A. M. Bean, for one year.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—W. H. Boddy, *On Publications*—Ira Brown,
On Sunday-schools—E. W. Achilles, *On Reforms*—E. M. Norris.

On State of the Work—The district elders.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions; Bishops' Salaries; second quarter, Conference Claimants, Permanent Fund; third quarter, Church Extension, Foreign Missions; fourth quarter, Conference Missions (25 cents).

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

E. W. Achilles,
G. R. Stamp,
J. E. Bradley,
A. M. Bean,
Lee Daily,

J. N. Wood,
C. F. Denney,
E. M. Norris,
W. H. Boddy,
E. H. Stayt.

Guy Denney,
J. S. Bradley,
O. F. DeFoe,
Ira Brown,

DELEGATES

S. Bartlowe,
S. S. Parris,
Christina Darling,
Thomas Weir,
S. M. Smith,

Daniel Hathaway,
G. S. Pond,
Albert Dygert,
August Pearson,
Ella R. Mobley,

W. S. Davis,
A. S. Wright,
Frank Norris,
J. W. Tuttle,
Zetta Davis.

2. Who are the stationing committee? Walter A. Sellew, A. M. Bean, E. W. Achilles, S. M. Smith, J. W. Tuttle.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.
4. Who remain on trial? J. W. Goode, J. E. Clink, Paul Stewart.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? E. H. Stayt.
6. Who are the deacons? W. H. Boddy, Ira Brown, E. H. Stayt.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.
8. Who have been located this year? C. F. Denney.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? G. R. Stamp, J. E. Clink, Paul Stewart.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? J. S. Bradley.
11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? None.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? J. N. Wood, O. F. DeFoe; S. R. Sayre, transferred to the Kansas conference; H. Beamish and D. D. Dodge, transferred to the Southern California conference.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-20. See statistical table.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? J. S. Bradley, \$150; Lenora Edwards, \$75.
23. See treasurer's report.
24. See list of appointments.
25. When, and where, shall our next conference be held? As near the second Wednesday in April as is consistent with the plans of the bishops. The selection of a place was left to this committee: A. M. Bean, E. W. Achilles, W. H. Boddy, S. M. Smith, G. S. Pond.

APPOINTMENTS

SPOKANE DISTRICT—A. M. BEAN, District Elder

Spokane.....W. H. Boddy, E. 1823 Mallom avenue, Spokane, Washington
Clark's ForkTo be supplied
Tyler and Greir.....To be supplied

Sprague and Harrington.....To be supplied
Coeur d' Alene, Idaho.....H. Beamish, Luella Beamish, supplies

C. F. Denney, located according to paragraph 94 of the Discipline, membership at Spokane; O. F. DeFoe, granted a certificate of good standing.

COLVILLE DISTRICT—A. M. BEAN, District Elder, Colville, Washington

Colville and Orin....Ira Brown, Esther Brown, supply, Colville, Washington
Chewelah.....Mary T. Clink, supply
Daisy and Maud.....Lee Daily, Daisy, Washington
Kettle Falls and Orient.....To be supplied

J. N. Wood, granted a certificate of good standing; J. S. Bradley, superannuated, Daisy, Washington; J. E. Clink, supernumerary, Chewelah, Washington; A. M. Bean, member of Colville district quarterly conference.

WALLA WALLA DISTRICT—E. W. ACHILLES, District Elder, Weston, Oregon

Athena, Waterman and Weston.....J. E. Bradley, Athena, Oregon
Moscow.....E. H. Stayt, Moscow, Idaho
Pomeroy.....Hattie Toole, Gertrude Scott, supplies
Penawawa and Willow Creek.....Guy Denney, Penawawa, Washington
Tekoa, St. John and Pine City.....J. W. Goode, Sanders, Idaho
Sanders and Emida.....To be supplied

G. R. Stamp, left without appointment, according to paragraph 94 of the Discipline; S. R. Sayre, transferred to the Kansas conference; E. W. Achilles, member of the Walla Walla district quarterly conference.

BOISE DISTRICT—E. W. ACHILLES, District Elder

Boise, Caldwell and Deer Flat.....E. M. Norris, Boise, Idaho
Parma and New Plymouth, William Payne, supply; district elder in charge,
Paragraph 96.

H. Beamish, transferred to the Southern California conference; Paul Stewart, supernumerary; D. D. Dodge, transferred to the Southern California conference.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mary T. Clink.

Esther Brown,

Marietta Barnhart.

MISCELLANEOUS

The fourteenth session of the Columbia River conference convened in Spokane, Washington, in our own neat and commodious church building, on Wednesday, April 7th, at 2:30 p. m. Bishop Walter A. Sellew presided. His addresses and sermons were both helpful and spiritual.

The conference opened with the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, which proved to all present a blessed service.

There were five business sittings in all, each of which was characterized by the spirit of harmony.

The final service was held Sunday evening, when our beloved bishop preached an able sermon to a large and attentive congregation. There were about thirty preachers and delegates in attendance, besides a goodly number of visitors. Everybody seemed to feel, as the time came to separate, "We have had a good conference."

We were very glad to have Brother and Sister Beers with us again. As usual, they came filled with the Spirit, and their presence was an inspiration

to all. It was also a great pleasure to have our beloved missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Clarke, of India, at our conference.

The preachers received their appointments and the delegates their preachers as from the Lord. All look for and expect a year of victory.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Assessed and paid, \$128.25.

PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$14.25.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$42.75.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$51.30.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$28.50.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Paid, \$54.75.

PAID TO CLAIMANTS—\$225.00.

CONFERENCE MISSION FUND APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS: E. M. Norris, \$10; to Coeur d' Alene circuit, for appointed pastor, \$15; in the treasury, \$29.75.

TO PUBLISH THE MINUTES—\$19.40.

RAISED FOR EVANGELISTIC FUND—\$208.35.

II.—ON REFORMS

We believe that God has called us to spread scriptural holiness over this world of sin; and if we discharge our duty as a church we are under obligation to take a bold stand on all questions of reform.

We thank God for the fathers that stood with courage against slavery, and were triumphant in its overthrow. We believe that we shall see the glorious banner of King Immanuel waving over the ramparts of the enemy of souls along all lines of reform.

SABBATH DESECRATION.—We believe that one of the greatest hindrances to the prosperity of the church of Jesus Christ to-day is the desecration of the Sabbath. There is a growing tendency everywhere toward the violation and the secularizing of this day. We deplore the running of Sunday trains, the Sunday newspaper, the open saloon, creameries, meat markets, barber shops and such business; the holding of Sunday picnics, baseball and games of all kinds; and we promise before God to use all our power to overcome all these evils which are undermining one of the main pillars of the Christian church.

CLASS-MEETING.—We regard the class-meeting an estimable means of grace, one that cannot be neglected without spiritual loss. Our ministers should urge all the members under their care to attend the class-meeting. In order to a better understanding of the purpose or manner of conducting it, we recommend to all the book entitled, "The Class-Meeting as a Means of Grace," by Bishop Wilson T. Hogue.

DRESS.—We realize as never before, the importance of insisting that our people carefully observe the fifty-third paragraph of our Discipline which declares, "This is no time to give encouragement to superfluity of apparel." While we believe that neatness and cleanliness is a mark of true Christianity, we also believe in plain and modest apparel as necessary to deep religious experience, and that it is an issue which should be kept before our people. We protest, therefore, against any tendencies to worldliness in dress; such as, the wearing of short sleeves, low-necked dresses, peek-a-boo waists, which expose the body to the gaze of the world; the wearing of ornamental buttons, pictures, superfluous ribbons, bows and gaudy neckties, which are sometimes noticeable among us. We also recommend plainness for our children. "Let us walk by one rule." Believing that nothing has ever been gained by compromise let us see to it that our testimony in these particulars gives no uncertain sound.

COMMERCIALISM.—A spirit of commercialism in the church is a dangerous

thing. Many who once were blest and a blessing have lost the sweetness and joy out of their souls, because of imbibing the spirit of commercialism. The age in which we live is a commercialistic one, and the danger of drifting with the current is great. Especially is this true in the northwest where the opportunity to take government land is open to all. We are sorry to note that many of our preachers have in the past taken homesteads. Whenever this has been done the work has usually suffered, and in some instances the preachers have been lost to our church. We earnestly recommend that all our preachers in this matter, as well as others, keep themselves free to follow the Lord.

PASTORAL SUPPORT.—While many of our people are doing all they ought for the support of the gospel there are some who are not doing their whole duty in this respect. Many of our preachers are receiving less than a common laborer earns, and for this reason become discouraged and leave the work. While we acknowledge that many of the circuits are financially weak, yet a marked improvement could be made if all would adopt the plan of systematic giving.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE

SPOKANE, COLVILLE, WALLA WALLA AND BOISE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
SPOKANE DISTRICT												
Spokane.....			\$ 61 89	\$ 1 95	\$ 496 16		\$116 00		1	\$ 2000	1	\$ 1500
Clark's Fork.....			16 91				69 55		1	600		
Harrington and Sprague.....				70	327 71			\$ 16 75				
Tyler and Greir.....				20			6 09		1			
COLVILLE DISTRICT												
Colville and Orin.....	\$ 2 20	90 22	2 50	550 00		200 00			2	2300	1	250
Chewelah.....		24 66	1 00	390 00	\$ 84	100 00			1	1200	1	800
Maud, Summit Valley, Daisy.....		7 50	80	247 93		50 00	61 05		1	1250		
Kettle Falls and Orient.....												
WALLA WALLA DISTRICT												
Athena and Waterman.....	2 04	26 22	1 10	615 51	96	111 60	58 00				1	1000
Penawawa and Willow Creek.....		29 00	85	633 15		100 00	34 60		2	1350	1	600
St. John and Willada.....			1 25	300 85	120	34 72					1	1500
Tekoa and Summervale.....		11 00	75			40 00			1	1500		
Sanders and Emida.....		23 64	30	314 55		48 90					1	600
Moscow.....							115 00					
Pomeroy.....						40 00						
BOISE DISTRICT												
Boise.....		18 35	25	244 67	120	67 73						
Deer Flat.....			80	279 78		36 80			1	2200		
Parma.....			35	122 75		35 62						
Total.....	\$ 4 24	\$ 309 39	\$12 80	\$4422 96	\$420	1056 97	\$ 385 40		11	\$ 12400	7	\$ 6150

COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE

SPOKANE, COINVILLE, WALLA WALLA AND BOISE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claim	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claims	Warrior's Foreign Missions
SPOKANE DISTRICT																
A. M. Bean, District Elder																
Spokane	W. H. Boddy	46	14	60	1	10	75	20	17 55	7 02	9 75	5 85	3 90			\$ 87 05
Clark's Fork	A. M. Bean	4		4	1	5	33	2	1 80	72	1 00	60	40			\$ 8 59
Harrington and Sprague	O. F. DeFoe	13	1	14	1	6	25	3	5 60	2 52	3 50	2 10	1 40			
Tyler and Greir	A. M. Bean	8		8				1	1 80	72	1 00	60	40			
COVILVILLE DISTRICT																
A. M. Bean, District Elder																
Colville and Orin	C. M. DeFoe	55	7	62	1	2	15	78	15	24 80	11 16	15 50	9 30	3 25		43 03
Coevelah	Ira Brown	22	4	26	1	1	6	35	9	8 00	3 60	5 00	3 00	2 00		2 75
Mand. Summit Valley, Daisy	Lee Dally	14	4	18	1	1	4	36	5	6 40	2 88	4 00	2 40	1 60		10 70
Kettle Falls and Orient	A. M. Bean	4		4												13 56
WALLA WALLA DISTRICT																
E. W. Achilles, District Elder																
Athena and Waterman	J. E. Bradley	31	4	35	1	1	6	30	7	9 90	3 95	5 50	3 30	2 20		45 50
Penawawa and Willow Creek	Guy Denney	15	8	23	2	1	5	25	5	7 65	3 06	4 25	2 65	1 70		20 10
St. John and Willada	J. E. Clark	14	14	28	1	1	4	20	8	11 25	4 50	3 75	2 50			13 00
Tekoa and Summervale	E. W. Achilles	14	2	16	1	1	4	20	2	6 75	2 70	3 75	2 25	1 60		5 50
Sanders and Emida	J. W. Goode	11	1	12	1	4	20	4	2 70	1 08	1 50		1 60			6 50
Moscow	E. W. Achilles	5	3	8					2							
Pomeroy	E. W. Achilles	4	1	5	1											
BOISE DISTRICT																
E. W. Achilles, District Elder																
Boise	E. M. Norris	15	15	30	1	6	25	6	2 25	90	1 25	75	50			
Deer Flat	Paul Stewart	17	4	21	2	1	7	50	7	2 40	2 88	7 20	4 80	1 60		
Parma	Paul Stewart	11	11	22	1	4	32	3	1 05	1 26	3 15	1 75	70			
Total		398	53	356	10	314	82	404	99	\$ 109 90	\$ 48 96	\$ 66 35	\$ 43 00	\$ 24 25	\$ 74 04	\$198 94

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual Session, held in the Second church, Seattle, Washington, April 14-18, 1909

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*

ALEXANDER BEERS, *Secretary*

W. W. DEXTER, *Assistant Secretary*

B. H. ALBERTS, *Treasurer*

A. BEERS, *Transportation Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Walter A. Sellaw, C. E. McReynolds, B. H. Alberts, T. H. Marsh.

On Nominations—B. H. Alberts, C. E. McReynolds, T. H. Marsh, C. L. Foster, H. D. Kindig.

On Education—Alexander Beers, M. C. Clarke, A. H. Stilwell.

On Reforms—J. E. Cochran, B. F. Smalley.

On Sunday-schools—A. N. West, Mary M. Florey, Mary Funk.

On Prohibition—C. S. McKinley, C. L. Foster, S. L. Helm.

On Publications—Alexander Beers, W. W. Dexter.

On State of the Work—C. E. McReynolds, B. H. Alberts.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—O. A. Burns, M. D. Myers.

To Nominate Trustees for Seattle Seminary—Alexander Beers, B. H. Alberts.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—W. C. Cummings.

On Ministerial Relations—James Eva, P. H. Griggs, F. H. Church, H. D. Kindig, Edgar K. Bluett, J. D. Grantham, B. H. Alberts, C. L. Foster.

On Publishing the Minutes—Alexander Beers, W. W. Dexter.

On Complimentary Resolutions—C. S. McKinley, B. H. Alberts, J. D. Marsh, A. N. West.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. E. McReynolds,
James Eva,
W. W. Dexter.
S. P. Westfield.
A. H. Stilwell.
M. D. Myers.
W. I. Lively.
J. T. Bivins.
J. D. Marsh.
O. A. Burns.
R. H. Clark.
L. M. Phillips.

C. S. McKinley,
Alexander Beers.
W. C. Meacham.
G. W. Wheelon,
G. W. Esher,
W. W. Loomis,
August Youngren.
P. H. Griggs,
L. W. Steele,
W. C. Cummings.
J. E. Cochran.
C. M. DeFoe.

B. F. Smalley,
A. N. West,
George Edwards.
T. H. Marsh,
M. C. Clarke,
A. K. Anderson,
B. H. Alberts,
F. H. Church,
Roy E. Nichols.
Frank Millican,
O. F. DeFoe.

DELEGATES

Grant Hill,	John L. Brady,	W. C. Wallace.
H. D. Kindig,	S. L. Helm,	G. A. Ray,
A. E. Somerton.	J. D. Grantham,	Lulu Moore,
C. L. Foster,	T. R. B. Newton,	Jennie Selby,
Edgar K. Bluett,	J. H. May,	James L. Wilder.
Mary M. Florey,	Alida Jones,	C. Richie.
E. Bowler,	Mary Funk.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? Walter A. Sellew, C. E. McReynolds, B. H. Alberts, C. L. Foster, S. L. Helm.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Samuel Boddy, E. H. Harmer. Sidney Price, W. Virgo.

4. Who remain on trial? W. I. Lively, L. W. Huston.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? Frank Millican.

6. Who are the deacons? O. A. Burns, J. T. Bivins, L. M. Phillips. Roy E. Nichols, Frank Millican.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? W. C. Cummings.

8. Who have located this year? W. C. Meacham, S. P. Westfield, G. W. Wheelon (at his own request).

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. W. Loomis.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? None.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? R. H. Clark, North Indiana conference; J. E. Cochran, Southern California conference; O. F. DeFoe, Columbia River conference; L. M. Phillips, West Iowa conference; C. M. DeFoe, North Michigan conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? B. F. Wade.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? L. W. Huston, J. T. Bivins, W. C. Cummings.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-23. See statistical reports.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next annual conference be held? In the Second Free Methodist church of Seattle, as near the first of April as is consistent with the arrangement of the board of bishops.

MISCELLANEOUS

The fourteenth session of the Washington conference was a very busy but harmonious one. Bishop Sellew presided with fairness and ability. His addresses were timely and well received. His sermons were instructive and under the unction and illumination of the Spirit of God.

The reports from the various circuits showed an encouraging gain.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society showed a most encouraging year. This has been the banner year in the history of the foreign missionary work within the bounds of this conference.

Seattle Seminary received attention and substantial encouragement in a collection and subscription of over two thousand dollars.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

C. E. McReynolds, B. F. Smalley, B. H. Alberts, H. D. Kindig, C. L. Foster.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

First year, C. S. McKinley; second year, B. H. Alberts; third year, J. D. Marsh; fourth year, A. N. West.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

<i>On Publications</i> —A. N. West,	<i>On State of the Work</i> —The district
<i>On Reforms</i> —J. D. Marsh,	elders,
<i>On Education</i> —A. Beers,	<i>On Complimentary Resolutions</i> —A. H.
<i>On Sunday-schools</i> —O. F. DeFoe,	Stilwell.
<i>On Prohibition</i> —Robert H. Clark,	

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions, 25 cents a member; General Missions, 15 cents a member; second quarter, Bishops' Salaries; third quarter, Conference Claimants and Permanent Fund; fourth quarter, Church Extension.

DISBURSEMENT OF CASH FROM SALE OF SEATTLE FIRST CHURCH, AND OTHER FUNDS

Grandview church, \$100; Ballard church, \$500; Hillman City, \$773.16; New Westminster, \$200; Sunnysdale and South Park, \$300; Tacoma, \$200; Olive Branch Mission, \$150. Total, \$2,223.16.

APPROPRIATIONS OF HOME MISSION MONEY FOR NEXT YEAR

To district elder of the Tacoma and Yakima districts, \$100; to Bellingham, \$25; Mossy Rock, \$40; Clearwater, \$25. Total, \$190. The General Missionary Board was asked to grant \$25 to Cle Elum circuit.

B. F. Smalley, Thomas Heath, and J. D. Burrows were elected trustees of Seattle Seminary for a term of three years.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OFFICERS AND REPORT

President, Mrs. Adelaide L. Beers, Station F, Seattle, Washington; first vice-president, Mary Ayres, Sunnyside, Washington; second vice-president, Mrs. Lizzie Cochran, 1311 South I street, Tacoma, Washington; recording secretary, Miss Mary A. Burrows, Green Lake Station, Seattle, Washington; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Lena F. Burns, Station F, Seattle, Washington; treasurer, Mrs. Maggie A. Burrows, Green Lake Station, Seattle, Washington; superintendent Junior work, Mrs. R. D. Hill, Station F, Seattle, Washington; superintendent tracts, Mrs. Viola Escher, Hillman City, Washington.

The past year has been one of success and victory in the work of the W. F. M. S. of the Washington conference. Rev. M. C. Clarke and wife, returned missionaries from India, assisted in ten meetings, and their services have added much to our work this year. The Student Volunteer Band of Seattle Seminary has rendered much valuable aid.

Mrs. R. D. Hill, superintendent of the Junior work, has been faithful and efficient. Her efforts have awakened a great interest among the children. Mrs. Hill will not rest until there is a Junior organization in every society. The pastors on the circuits have given us every encouragement.

The support for Miss Mattie Peterson, who is preparing to go to China to take her sister Lily's place, has already been pledged. Money has been raised for a school building. This school is to be known as Seattle Seminary for Darwha, India. A sister promises \$1,000 towards establishing a Free Methodist Rest Home in India.

Our watchword for the coming year is, "Let us sow the seeds of missionary intelligence and zeal more thickly than ever throughout the Washington conference."

APPOINTMENTS

PUGET SOUND DISTRICT—C. E. McREYNOLDS, District Elder, 6302 Hillman Place, Seattle, Washington

Seattle, First church	
Seattle, Second church	
.....J. D. Marsh, 3210 Third Ave., West, Station F, Seattle, Washington	
Seattle, Third church.....	C. S. McKinley, Green Lake, "
Ballard.....	W. W. Dexter, Edith Dexter, supply, Ballard, "
Hillman.....	G. W. Escher, Hillman City, "
Whidby Island.....	E. H. Harmer
Edmonds.....	Egbert L. Smith, supply, Box 66, Edmonds, Washington
Everett.....	A. N. West, Everett, "
Snohomish.....	B. F. Smalley, Box 725, Snohomish, "
Arlington	Samuel Boddy
Mount Vernon and Bethel.....	L. W. Steele, Mt. Vernon, Washington
Anacortes.....	Sidney Price, Anacortes, "
Sedro Woolley, Wickersham and Clear Lake.....	
.....	L. M. Phillips, Sedro Woolley, "
Bellingham and Albineta schoolhouse..	P. H. Griggs, Bellingham, "
Blaine and Woodland.....	Eben Boddy, supply, Blaine, "
New Westminster, B. C.....	To be supplied

Alexander Beers, principal Seattle Seminary; Albert H. Stilwell, assistant principal Seattle Seminary; O. A. Burns, teacher in Seattle Seminary; M. C. Clarke, missionary to India; August Youngren, missionary to Japan; Frank Millican, missionary to China; George G. Edwards, missionary to India; Roy E. Nichols, missionary to Santo Domingo; W. I. Lively, attending school.

Greenville college; G. W. Wheelon, granted a certificate of location at his own request; James Eva, evangelist; B. F. Wade, withdrawn from the church; W. C. Meacham, located at his request; S. P. Westfield, located, paragraph 94 of Discipline; O. F. DeFoe, Sunday-school secretary; Louis W. Huston, transferred to the California conference; T. H. Marsh, evangelist.

TACOMA DISTRICT—BIRNEY H. ALBERTS, District Elder, 609 Nickerson avenue, Station F, Seattle, Washington

Tacoma.....J. E. Cochran, 1311 South I street, Tacoma, Washington
 Centralia and Lincoln Creek.....M. D. Myers, Centralia, "
 Bay Center and Oysterville.....To be supplied
 Mossy Rock.....E. L. Porter, supply
 Sunnydale and South Park, R. H. Clark, R. F. D. 3, Box 57, Seattle, Washington
 Buckley and Enumclaw
F. H. Church, Mrs. Lizzie Church, supply, Buckley, "
 Ashford and Elbe.....J. L. Brady, supply, Ashford, "
 Clear Water.....C. L. Crook, supply, Clear Water, "

W. A. Cummings, granted certificate of good standing with a view of transferring to the California conference; W. W. Loomis, supernumerary; Birney H. Alberts, member Tacoma district quarterly conference.

YAKIMA DISTRICT—BIRNEY H. ALBERTS, District Elder

Cle Elum and Roslyn.....A. K. Anderson, Cle Elum, Washington
 Sunnyside and Outlook.....C. M. DeFoe, Sunnyside, "
 Grandview, Green Valley and Glade.....C. W. Goslow, supply
 North Yakima..J. A. Spencer, supply, 214 S. 7th Ave., No. Yakima, Washington
 Goldendale.....To be supplied

J. T. Bivins, granted a certificate of good standing with a view of transferring to the Oklahoma conference.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Adelaide L. Beers, Station F, Seattle, Washington	Mrs. Mary E. Dutton, Station F, Seattle, Washington
Mrs. Eva E. Alberts, 609 Nickerson avenue, Seattle, Washington	Mr. Floyd Ray, Green Lake Station, Seattle, Washington
Mrs. Lizzie M. Church, Buckley, Washington	Mrs. Ray, Green Lake Station, Seattle, Washington

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT

Seven hundred ninety-seven members, @ \$1.18 a member, total assessment. \$940.46.

HOME MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$199.25; received from Mrs. Millican, from last year, \$7.00; total receipts, \$206.25.

Disbursed as follows: B. H. Alberts, \$100; James Eva, \$25; M. D. Myers, \$25; A. K. Anderson, \$20; George W. Escher, \$10; F. H. Church, \$10; C. L. Crook, \$5; L. M. Phillips, \$11.25. Total, \$206.25.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$119.55.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$143.46.

PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$39.85.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$79.70.

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CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Assessed and paid, \$358.65.

CHILDREN'S FUND—Cash, \$2.10; receipts, \$3.55.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Cash, \$37.25.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—Cash, \$8.95; receipts, \$4.30.

Total due to and paid to S. K. J. Chesbro, \$797.36, as follows: Paid S. K. J. Chesbro, \$506.71; paid Mrs. Martha Ely, \$100; paid Mrs. William Boddy for two years, \$80; paid E. L. Smith, per W. A. Sellew, \$4.50; paid S. K. J. Chesbro, receipts, \$7.85; paid S. K. J. Chesbro, cash remitted, \$98.30.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

PUGET SOUND, TACOMA AND YAKIMA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
PUGET SOUND DISTRICT												
Seattle, Second Church			\$ 228 01	\$ 9 25	\$1276 71		\$192 35	\$ 120 00	1	\$ 10000	1	\$ 5000
Seattle, Third Church	156 00		95 14		1107 95		131 56	55 05	1	3000	1	1000
Hillman City and Whidby Island		\$ 2 10	50 00	1 45	647 74		40 00	8 00	1	1000	1	1000
Everett			63 80	3 20	365 00		100 70	113 77	1	5500	1	2000
Edmonds			31 17	1 50	392 10		25 00	26 65	1	900	1	950
South Prairie and Wickersham					257 81		30 00	1 00				
New Westminster			35 00		183 00		25 00	184 00	1	1300		
Mt. Vernon and Sedro Wooley	3 60	4 00	83 20	3 60	1371 00		80 00	75 00	3	2500	1	500
Blaine and Woodland	4 60	2 80	30 30	2 60	460 00		55 00	21 30	1	3000	1	500
Ballard			55 38	1 70	600 10		40 00		1	3000		
Arlington			25 00	1 40	312 13		32 00	66 00	1	1400	1	800
Bellingham and Albineta S. H.			10 00	60	271 47		27 24	20 00	1	1200	1	850
Snohomish	4 30	3 55	58 81	2 60	684 00		75 00	55 98	1	1600	1	800
TACOMA AND YAKIMA DISTRICTS												
Tacoma	2 85		41 82	2 60	650 00		76 75		1	5500	1	1500
Centralia			44 47	2 00	628 00		83 47	40 00	1	1500	1	600
Sunnydale		3 75	26 79	90	206 97		36 70	9 90	1	1200	1	1200
Buckley and Lake Tapps	1 58		67 06	80	284 00		45 25	26 50	1	800	1	600
Sunnyside and Outlook	4 75		25 00	2 05	595 45		78 22	60 00	1	1800	1	800
Grandview			25 95	50	239 21		51 32	51 46	1	1414		
Cle Elum and Roslyn			25 00	55	178 15		61 87	13 50	2	2000	2	1600
Oysterville and Bay Center				20	27 00		66 22		1	600	1	300
Ashford and Elbe							64 41	13 00				
	177 68	\$16 20	\$1021 20	\$37 50	11183 79		1419 05	\$ 974 11	23	\$ 48914	18	\$20000

NOTE.—Raised for tracts: Hillman City and Whidby Island, \$1.15; Edmonds, \$1.15; New Westminster, \$1.30; Buckley and Lake Tapps, \$1.00. Total, \$4.60.

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PUGET SOUND, TACOMA AND YAKIMA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PARACHEE											Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Clubs	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	
PUGET SOUND DISTRICT																												
C. E. McReynolds, Dist. Elder																												
Seattle, Second Church.....	197	13	210	5	3	1	26	278	30	\$ 83.25	\$ 33.30	\$ 46.25	\$ 27.75	\$ 18.50												\$ 13.96	\$ 117.76	
Seattle, Third Church.....	98	12	110	5	1	1	11	105	20	41.40	16.56	23.00	13.80	9.26													400.00	
Billman City and Whidby Island.....	37	7	44	1	1	1	8	55	6	23.05	5.22	7.25	4.85	2.90													94.65	
Everett.....	66	7	73	1	3	1	11	93	20	33.80	11.52	16.00	9.60	6.40													286.45	
Edmonds.....	24	1	25	1	1	1	10	56	3	13.50	5.40	7.50	4.50	3.00													95.57	
South Prairie and Wickelisham.....	12	3	15	1	1	1	6	45	6																			
New Westminster.....	70	9	79	2	2	1	19	60	11	2.70	10.80	15.00	9.00	6.00													51.00	
Blaine and Seiro Woolley.....	38	1	37	2	1	1	7	40	9	13.20	5.94	8.25	4.95	3.30													27.00	
Blaine and Woodland.....	40	1	41	1	1	1	9	40	9	13.60	6.12	8.30	5.10	3.40													19.00	
Ballard.....	23	5	28	1	1	1	8	30	5	9.90	3.96	5.50	3.80	2.20														
Arlington.....	11	1	11	1	1	1	4	12	4	5.40	2.16	3.00	1.80	1.20														
Pillingham and Albineta Sch. Hous.....	50	5	55	2	1	2	13	100	12	18.00	7.00	10.00	6.00	4.00													154.04	
Snokomsh.....																												
TACOMA AND YAKIMA DISTRICTS																												
B. H. Alberts, District Elder																												
Tacoma.....	44	2	46	3	1	1	7	20	5	11.61	8.64	12.00	7.20	4.80													22.25	
Cent alla.....	40	5	45	1	1	1	7	45	14	13.00	7.00	10.00	6.00	4.00													194.03	
Sunnydale.....	21	2	23	1	1	1	6	35	5	18.10	3.24	4.50	2.70	1.80													55.00	
Suckley and Lake Tapps.....	20	2	22	1	1	1	7	32	8	7.20	2.88	4.00	2.40	1.60													6.25	
Sunnyside and Outlook.....	21	2	23	1	1	1	8	32	8	18.45	7.38	10.25	6.15	4.10													85.76	
Glenn and Roslyn.....	23	4	27	1	2	1	6	27	6	4.50	1.80	2.50	1.50	1.00													19.90	
Cle Elum and Roslyn.....	14	1	14	1	1	1	5	25	4	4.95	1.98	2.75	1.65	1.10														
Oysterville and Bay Center.....	5	1	5	1	1	1	3	20	2	1.80	.72	1.00	.60	.40														
Ashford and Elbe.....	4	1	4	1	1	1	3	20	2																			
Total.....	893	82	945	28	16	24	180	1191	185	\$ 317.41	\$ 141.62	\$ 197.05	\$ 115.35	\$ 78.90												\$ 128.26	\$ 2068.24	

CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-seventh Annual Session, held at Sacramento, California, June 2-5, 1909

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*
W. C. SIMPSON, *Secretary* H. V. HASLAM, *Assistant Secretary*
C. V. CARPENTER, *Treasurer* L. GLENN LEWIS, *Railroad Secretary*
S. H. WILLIAMS, *Sunday-school Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Walter A. Sellew, L. Glenn Lewis, C. V. Carpenter, E. P. Hart.
On Reforms—H. E. Burbank, Charles Fish, C. W. MacRae.
On Education—Clyde R. Ebey, H. V. Haslam, F. E. Boernge.
On Sunday-schools—D. C. Newell, S. H. Williams, H. L. Kibby.
On State of the Work—L. Glenn Lewis, E. P. Hart, C. W. MacRae.
On Publications—Charles Fish, Clyde R. Ebey, George Clark.
To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—D. C. Newell.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—L. H. Mulholland, A. K. Main, A. R. Baxter.
On Conference Missions—The stationing committee.
On Conference Claimants and Claims—Walter A. Sellew, E. P. Hart, L. Glenn Lewis, H. L. Kibby, C. W. MacRae.
On Church and Parsonage Property—L. Glenn Lewis, three years; Charles Fish, two years; C. H. Loomis, one year.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

L. Glenn Lewis, president, three years; C. V. Carpenter, two years; W. C. Simpson, secretary, one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

L. H. Mulholland, president; A. K. Main, secretary; L. Glenn Lewis, treasurer; D. S. Stuart, H. L. Kibby.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY

L. Glenn Lewis, president; C. V. Carpenter, secretary; C. W. MacRae, treasurer; Charles Fish, H. L. Kibby.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—C. V. Carpenter, *On Publications*—A. K. Main.
On Sunday-schools—S. H. Williams, *On Education*—L. H. Mulholland.
On State of the Work—L. Glenn Lewis.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions, fifty cents a member; second quarter, General Missions and Bishops' Salaries; third quarter, Conference Claimants; fourth quarter, Church Extension, Foreign Missions, Permanent Fund.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Alice E. Lewis, president, 989 Park street, Alameda, California; Mrs. H. V. Haslam, vice-president, Santa Cruz, California; Mrs. Jeanie Fish, second vice-president, Oakdale, California; Miss L. Anna Stuart, corresponding secretary, Oakdale, California; Mrs. Carrie M. Carpenter, recording secretary, 1512 14th street, Sacramento, California; Mrs. Ina M. Baird, treasurer, 1109 Park avenue, Alameda, California.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

E. P. Hart,	C. H. Loomis,	M. L. Winegarden,
W. D. Bishop,	C. V. Carpenter,	N. S. Honn,
W. C. Simpson,	A. K. Main,	Clyde R. Ebey,
H. W. Dobbins,	Charles Fish,	S. H. Williams,
G. B. Phetteplace,	L. H. Mulholland,	L. Glenn Lewis,
D. C. Newell,	H. V. Haslam,	Louis W. Huston,

DELEGATES

H. L. Kibby,	C. W. MacRae,	F. E. Boernge,
Hannah Case,	George Clark,	J. A. Vanderpool,
Josias Winter,	Belle Murphy,	Filly Champeon,
D. S. Stuart,	A. R. Baxter,	

2. Who are the stationing committee? Walter A. Sellew, L. Glenn Lewis, C. W. MacRae.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.
4. Who remain on trial? H. E. Burbank, D. G. Benton.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? Louis W. Huston.
6. Who are the deacons? Charles Fish, G. B. Phetteplace, D. C. Newell, H. W. Dobbins, Louis W. Huston.
- 7, 8. None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. D. Bishop, M. L. Winegarden, G. B. Phetteplace.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? C. H. Loomis.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? Louis W. Huston, from the Washington conference.
12. None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? Clyde R. Ebey, H. W. Dobbins.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation. The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. None.
- 16-20. See statistical report.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$85.
23. See statistical report.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? The place was left with a committee composed of the following named persons: L. Glenn Lewis, E. P. Hart, Louis W. Huston, C. W. MacRae, A. Verkuyl; the time as near the first Wednesday in June, 1910, as will suit the plan of the bishop who is to preside.

MISCELLANEOUS

The conference was held in connection with a well-attended camp-meeting at Sacramento, California, June 2-5, 1909.

Bishop Walter A. Sellew presided with great acceptability. It required but four sittings to complete the business of the conference. The preachers' reports were encouraging, and we are glad to state that we have made a net gain of over ten per cent. in membership during the year.

One of the surprising features was the amount of money raised during the session. The W. F. M. S. held a missionary service Sunday afternoon; Bishop Sellew delivered a very interesting address, after which an offering amounting to over \$400 was received. This amount with what was raised for other purposes brought the total to over \$1,700 that was raised during the session.

Sister Sellew represented the publishing house and reported good sales.

A resolution requesting Bishop E. P. Hart to publish a volume of his sermons was adopted by the conference.

APPOINTMENTS

SAN JOSE DISTRICT—L. GLENN LEWIS, District Elder

San Jose.....	L. H. Mulholland, 112 North Ninth street, San Jose, California	
Alameda.....	B. J. Vincent, supply, 1414 Park avenue, Alameda,	"
Corralitos.....	W. C. Simpson, R. F. D. 5, Watsonville,	"
Santa Cruz.....	H. V. Haslam, Santa Cruz,	"
Aromas.....	D. C. Newell, Aromas,	"
Pacheco.....		To be supplied
Windsor.....	S. H. Williams, 1010 College avenue, Alameda, California	
New Monterey.....		To be supplied

E. P. Hart, bishop, 1117 Park avenue, Alameda, California; J. E. Cochran, transferred to the Washington conference; N. S. Honn, missionary to China; C. H. Loomis, superannuated, Santa Clara, California; M. L. Winegarden, supernumerary, Pasadena, California; W. D. Bishop, supernumerary, Palo Alto, California; G. B. Phetteplace, supernumerary, Santa Rosa, California; H. W. Dobbins, granted a certificate of good standing in view of transfer; Clyde R. Ebey, granted a certificate of his good standing in view of transfer; Louis W. Huston, conference evangelist; L. Glenn Lewis, member of San Jose district quarterly conference.

SACRAMENTO DISTRICT—L. GLENN LEWIS, District Elder

Sacramento.....	C. V. Carpenter, 1512 14th street, Sacramento, California	
Ione.....	H. E. Burbank, Ione,	"
Oakdale and Stockton.....	Charles Fish, Oakdale,	"

Plymouth To be supplied
 Chico W. A. Cummings, supply, Chico, California
 Turlock D. G. Benton, Turlock, "
 Hanford A. K. Main, 617 North Harris street, Hanford, "

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

*D. S. Stuart Oakdale, California Thomas Clark Alameda, California
 †A. R. Baxter Hanford, " Clifford Clark Sheldon, "
 †G. W. Shirtz Turlock, " Mrs. Nettie P. Clark, Alameda, Cali-
 B. F. Arnett Lodi, " fornia
 †H. Richardson, Plymouth, " Miss L. Anna Stuart, Oakdale, Cali-
 †John T. Gromer, Sacramento, Cali- fornia
 fornia R. H. Knowles, New Monterey, Cali-
 †Mrs. Martha B. Hart, 1117 Park ave- fornia
 nue, Alameda, California Mrs. Esther Main, 617 North Harris
 †Mrs. Alice E. Lewis, 989 Park street, street, Hanford, California
 Alameda, California Alice M. Knowles, New Monterey, Cal-
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* Elder. † Deacon. ‡ Conference evangelist.

CONFERENCE RECORD

Session	PLACE	TIME	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	DISTRICT ELDERS
1	San Jose, California	Dec. 7, 1883	E. P. Hart	M. L. Vorheis	M. L. Vorheis
2	Oakland, "	Nov. 14, 1884	" " "	" " "	" " "
3	San Jose, "	" 26, 1885	" " "	" " "	" " "
4	Ione, "	" 11, 1886	" " "	" " "	F. H. Horton
5	East Oakland, "	June 6, 1887	" " "	" " "	{ F. H. Horton
6	San Jose, "	" 5, 1888	" " "	" " "	{ C. H. Loomis
7	" " "	" 8, 1889	" " "	W. K. LaDue	{ F. H. Horton
8	" " "	" 11, 1890	G. W. Coleman	" " " "	{ F. H. Horton
9	Ione, "	May 27, 1891	B. T. Roberts	" " " "	{ C. B. Ebey
10	Lodi, "	June 1, 1892	E. P. Hart	William Pearce	{ W. K. LaDue
11	San Jose, "	May 24, 1893	G. W. Coleman	" " "	{ J. Orips
12	East Oakland, "	" 23, 1894	W. T. Hogue	" " "	{ F. H. Horton
13	San Jose, "	" 22, 1895	E. P. Hart	" " "	{ " " "
14	" " "	Nov. 11, 1896	B. R. Jones	" " "	{ C. Swithenbank
15	Oakdale, "	June 2, 1897	E. P. Hart	" " "	{ F. H. Horton
16	Morgan Hill, "	May 25, 1898	G. W. Coleman	" " "	{ W. Pearce
17	East Oakland, "	June 21, 1899	E. P. Hart	H. H. Farnham	{ W. Pearce
18	" " "	" 13, 1900	G. W. Coleman	" " "	" " "
19	Corralitos, "	" 5, 1901	W. A. Sellev	G. W. Griffith	G. W. Griffith
20	East Oakland, "	" 11, 1902	B. R. Jones	" " "	" " "
21	San Jose, "	May 6, 1903	E. P. Hart	H. H. Farnham	" " "
22	" " "	" 18, 1904	W. T. Hogue	" " "	" " "
23	Sacramento, "	" 31, 1905	E. P. Hart	G. G. Kessel	G. G. Kessel
24	" " "	June 6, 1906	" " "	H. E. Burbank	{ J. E. Cochran
25	San Jose, "	May 15, 1907	B. R. Jones	G. G. Kessel	{ C. V. Carpent'r
26	Stockton, "	" 20, 1908	W. T. Hogue	W. C. Simpson	{ J. E. Cochran
27	Sacramento, "	June 2, 1909	W. A. Sellev	" " "	{ L. Glenn Lewis

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

We are devoutly thankful and grateful to Almighty God for the manifold mercies and blessings that have come to us during another conference year. We do not wish to over-estimate or misrepresent our work as a conference; but we can truthfully say that during the past year the Lord has been with us, and we have made some advancement numerically, financially and spiritually. Several thousand dollars have been raised in cash and subscriptions for the building of churches, parsonages and for evangelistic work; the majority of the preachers have had an increase of salary. Ours is a difficult field and therefore we are especially grateful for the increase in membership, though it be small.

This year we have secured a small church at Windsor, a parsonage at Chico, and a lot is purchased for a church at Santa Cruz, and a subscription is being taken for a church on the Turlock circuit. Our camp-meeting at Santa Cruz was a great blessing to many. A number were saved and sanctified during the meeting. Our preachers and pilgrims are spiritual and aggressive; and yet we feel that our greatest need is a deeper consecration so that our preachers will devote all their time to the work to which they are called, studying, praying, visiting and preaching. No man can be at his best for God and the church if his time and attention are divided. When the laity see the results that follow the aggressive labor of the pastors they will be more generous in supporting the work of God.

Brethren, let us wait on the Lord for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our work during the coming year.

II.—ON EDUCATION.

Under the sensational title, "Blasting at the Rock of Ages," Mr. Harold Bolce, in current issues of *The Cosmopolitan*, makes a terrible arraignment of the code of ethics and destructive teachings of the universities of the United States. Mr. Bolce spent two years visiting and studying as a special student in class-rooms from Cambridge to California, his course including Harvard, Yale, Princeton, the University of Chicago, William and Mary College, the University of California, and other universities and colleges.

In summing up the result of his investigations, the editor of *The Cosmopolitan* says in part:

"Out of the curricula of American colleges a dynamic movement is upheaving ancient foundations and promising a way for revolutionary thought and life. Those who are not in close touch with the great colleges of the country will be astonished to learn the creeds that are being fostered by the faculties of our great universities. In hundreds of class-rooms it is being taught daily that the decalogue is no more sacred than a syllabus; that the home as an institution is doomed; that there are no absolute evils; that immorality is simply an act in contravention of society's accepted standards; that Democracy is a failure, and the Declaration of Independence only spectacular rhetoric; that the change from one religion to another is like getting a new hat; that moral precepts are passing shibboleths; that conceptions of right and wrong are as unstable as styles of dress; that there can be and are holier alliances without the marriage bond than within it."

While he quoted statements concerning the moral and mental pabulum upon which college students are fed are doubtless far from being conservative, yet they indicate all too clearly the drift of modern scholasticism. Strong indeed is the student mind and heart that can breathe from day to day the poisoned air of infidelity and doubt, and remain strong and clean. The fact is patent that the young person entering the average college to-day has little chance to escape contamination, and the most mature Christian need take heed lest he fail.

The majority of the high schools follow hard after the colleges. Worldliness is supreme, irreverent Bible criticism finds ready welcome, and vital godliness is almost a stranger.

These things but emphasize the need of our schools and college: centers of knowledge and spirituality, where education bows to piety, and righteousness is the handmaid of learning. May heaven's choicest blessing rest upon them each and all, and especially upon the Los Angeles Seminary, which claims so close a relationship to our conference. May they abound in the good work they are so nobly doing. We would pray from heart and hand and purse; and when the eternal parchments reveal the places where Wisdom hath builded her house and hewn out the seven pillars thereof, may the records point to Greenville and Seattle and Hermon as select sites where were laid the foundations of some of those temples of true and lasting wisdom.

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SAN JOSE DISTRICT												
San Jose.....			\$ 42 96	\$ 3 30	\$ 630 00	\$120	\$132 00	1	\$ 4500	1	\$ 1250
Alameda.....			130 00	1 95	437 82	180	78 57	\$ 95 85	1	3500	1	3500
Corralitos.....			36 08	1 60	325 00	100	64 52	12 55	1	3000	1	2000
Santa Cruz and Aromas.....			50 00	90	435 00	82	59 10	38 50
Pacheco.....			25	12 60	1	500	1	150
Santa Rosa and Windsor.....			20	16 40	17 75	1	500
New Monterey.....			10 00	97 16
SACRAMENTO DISTRICT												
Sacramento.....			44 71	1 35	390 56	216	61 50	22 00	1	4000	1	1880
Oakdale.....	\$ 1 50	1 00	42 95	1 25	375 00	60	48 35	20 00	1	1500	1	500
Hanford.....	6 85	45 90	1 45	507 25	120	68 75	78 60	1	750	1	850
Stockton.....	13 91	50	221 11	10 50
Ione.....	37 75	95	611 50	100	42 50	1	2000	1	1000
Plymouth.....	19 52	85	174 50	36	34 00	35 56	1	500	1	300
Chico.....	3 50	1 05	237 08	38 25	14 00	1	1400	1	1100
Turlock and Ripon.....	2 00	45	155 00	26 75	26 35
Total.....	\$ 8 35	\$ 1 00	\$ 479 28	\$15 95	\$4499 82	1014	\$693 79	\$ 458 32	11	\$ 22150	10	\$12530

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twentieth Annual Session, held in Los Angeles,
California, June 9-12, 1909

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On Public Worship—Walter A. Sellew, David McLeod, F. A. Ames, J. G. Wilson, M. C. Sperow.

On State of the Work—David McLeod, F. A. Ames, T. T. McCall, Elizabeth Wyatt.

On Sabbath-schools—C. W. Shay, James Craig, S. O. Yelvington, J. D. Bullock, Viola H. Wilkenson, Emory Spencer.

On Publications—M. N. Downing, A. C. Brown, J. Q. Murray, Leslie True, Esther Bullock, Florence Ames.

On Education—G. W. Griffith, J. B. Freeland, W. C. Graves, Victor Larsen, C. O. Cooper, William Blumfield.

On Reforms—D. G. Shepard, F. H. Horton, Lewis H. Hahn, F. J. Heil, Ellsworth Leonardson, T. G. Barnes.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—Silas F. Heilman, J. B. Roberts, T. T. McCall, E. G. Albright.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—D. D. Dodge, Clyde R. Ebey.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Ministerial Relations—Walter A. Sellew, M. N. Downing, J. B. Freeland, F. J. Heil, C. O. Cooper.

On Memoirs—C. W. Shay, D. G. Shepard, J. K. Freeland, M. C. Sperow, Elizabeth Wyatt, Ada Pearce.

Auditing Committee—James Craig, W. E. Shepard, Clyde R. Ebey.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

On Resolutions—W. E. Shepard, James Seals, S. R. Gittins, L. W. Rubardt.

STANDING COMMITTEES

On Prohibition—E. Leonardson, J. B. Freeland, J. G. Wilson, F. J. Heil.

To Visit the Los Angeles Seminary—W. E. Shepard, Silas F. Heilman, F. J. Heil, Ada Pearce.

Camp-meeting Committee—David McLeod, D. G. Shepard, W. E. Shepard, W. C. Graves, C. O. Cooper, F. J. Heil, O. A. Martin, M. C. Sperow.

State Camp-meeting Committee—David McLeod, W. E. Shepard, M. C. Sperow.

Committee on Advisability of Incorporating the Conference—J. K. Freeland.

David McLeod, D. G. Shepard.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—C. W. Shay, *On Reforms*—M. N. Downing,
On Publications—F. H. Horton, *On Sabbath-schools*—Clyde R. Ebey.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

A. C. Brown, president, two years; D. G. Shepard, secretary, three years;
 G. W. Griffith, one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

D. G. Shepard, president; C. O. Cooper, secretary; F. J. Heil, treasurer; E.
 Leonardson, G. W. Griffith.

TRUSTEES OF LOS ANGELES SEMINARY

D. G. Shepard, H. L. Kibby, one year; E. Leonardson, J. H. Wyatt, two years;
 L. G. Lewis, J. G. Baird, three years; David McLeod, four years; M. C.
 Sperow, E. P. Hart, five years.

CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD

David McLeod, president; W. E. Shepard, secretary; M. C. Sperow, three
 years; G. W. Griffith, W. C. Graves, C. O. Cooper, two years; D. G. Shep-
 ard, treasurer; E. Leonardson, F. J. Heil, one year.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. E. F. Shay, Hermon, California; first vice-president, Mrs.
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 Whittier, California; treasurer, Mrs. Clara Freeland, 718 Elizabeth street,
 Pasadena, California; superintendent of Juniors, Mrs. Jennie McLeod,
 1521 Paloma street, Los Angeles, California; librarian, Mrs. J. Q. Murray,
 702 West 50th street, Los Angeles, California.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in
 this conference?

PREACHERS

David McLeod,	James Seals,	J. B. Roberts,
F. A. Ames,	S. R. Gittins,	Ellsworth Leonardson,
D. G. Shepard,	E. G. Allbright,	J. K. Freeland,
M. N. Downing,	F. H. Horton,	S. O. Yelvington,
J. B. Freeland,	James Craig,	Clark W. Shay,
G. W. Griffith,	J. Q. Murray,	W. E. Stuart,
W. C. Graves,	L. W. Rubardt,	Lewis H. Hahn,
J. D. Bullock,	A. C. Brown,	H. Beamish,
Silas F. Heilman,	Leslie True,	J. W. Marshall,
D. D. Dodge,	J. O. Hockett,	H. G. Ahlemeyer,
W. E. Shepard,	Elmer T. Layne,	Clyde R. Ebey.

[Woman evangelist having a seat in conference: Ada Pearce.]

DELEGATES

Fred J. Heil,	Emory Spencer,	Elizabeth Wyatt,
M. C. Sperow,	C. O. Cooper,	T. G. Barnes.
Florence A. Ames,	Victor Larsen,	Viola H. Wilkenson,
T. T. McCall,	J. G. Wilson,	Lucy J. Bachman,
Esther Bullock,	William Blumfield.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? Walter A. Sellow, David McLeod, F. A. Ames, C. O. Cooper, Fred J. Heil.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? E. P. Ashcraft, L. J. Reed.

4. Who remain on trial? None.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? Elmer T. Layne.

6. Who are the deacons? E. G. Allbright, J. O. Hockett, Elmer T. Layne.

7, 8, 12. None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. Q. Murray, Leslie True, J. D. Bullock, S. O. Yelvington, James Craig.

10. Who are the superannuated, or worn-out preachers? J. B. Freeland, M. N. Downing, J. B. Roberts, F. H. Horton, James Seals, L. W. Rubardt, J. W. Marshall, W. E. Stuart, S. R. Gittins.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? Clyde R. Ebey, an elder, from the California conference; Elmer T. Layne, a probationer, from the Kansas conference.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? H. G. Ahlemeyer, J. O. Hockett, E. P. Ashcraft, G. W. Griffith.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. Who have died this year? C. B. Ebey, C. L. Hewitt.

17-20. See statistical table.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? J. B. Freeland, \$150; M. N. Downing, \$150; James Seals, \$150; J. B. Roberts, \$130; S. R. Gittins, \$90; J. W. Marshall, \$60; L. W. Rubardt, \$80; W. E. Stuart, \$100; Edith Davis and five children, \$170; Minnie Warren, \$150; Martha Ebey, \$100; F. H. Horton, \$130.

23. See treasurer's report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? To be held in connection with a camp-meeting, the place to be selected by the camp-meeting committee; the time to be as near the twenty-second of June as will suit the plan of the presiding bishop.

MISCELLANEOUS

The conference was held at the usual place, Mineral Park, Los Angeles. The accompanying camp-meeting services were seasons of revival interest and blessing. There was scarcely a service without seekers. Many of the services extended far into the night. Many were saved and blest.

A very impressive memorial service was held in memory of C. B. Ebey and C. L. Hewitt.

Bishop E. P. Hart was present part of the time, in attendance on the

meetings of the board of trustees of Los Angeles Seminary. It was a pleasure to again hear him preach.

Bishop Sellew and wife were abundant in labors. Under his energetic direction the conference business moved forward with dispatch.

The conference collections for next year are as follows: First quarter, Conference Missions (50 cents); second quarter, General Missions, Church Extension; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Foreign Missions; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants, Permanent Fund, American Bible Society.

APPOINTMENTS

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT—DAVID McLEOD, District Elder, 1521 Paloma street, Los Angeles, California

Los Angeles.....	W. E. Shepard, 608 East 6th street, Los Angeles, California	
Hermon.....	D. G. Shepard, Hermon.	"
Pasadena and La Manda Park.....		
.....	W. C. Graves, 306 North Fair Oaks avenue, Pasadena.	"
Whittier.....	Clyde R. Ebey, Whittier.	"
Santa Ana.....	F. A. Ames, 315 Fruit street, Santa Ana.	"
Sawtelle.....	D. D. Dodge, Sawtelle.	"
Garden Grove and Anaheim.....	E. T. Layne, Garden Grove.	"
Watts, Compton and Long Beach.....	L. H. Hahn, Watts.	"
Sunland (Monte Vista).....	J. T. Wornom, supply, Sunland.	"
Monrovia.....	Ada Pearce, supply, Monrovia.	"
San Diego.....	F. I. Labrum, supply, 917 Beach street, San Diego.	"
Escondido.....		To be supplied
Nipoma, Los Berros and Santa Maria.....		To be supplied
Pomona and Ontario.....	E. G. Allbright, Pomona, California	"
Riverside.....	Silas F. Heilman, Riverside.	"
Bethel.....	A. C. Brown, Ontario,	"

J. B. Freeland, M. N. Downing, J. B. Roberts, F. H. Horton, James Seals, L. W. Rubardt, J. W. Marshall, W. E. Stuart, S. R. Gittins, superannuated; J. K. Freeland, Clark W. Shay, Leslie J. Reed, teachers in Los Angeles Seminary; J. Q. Murray, Leslie True, J. D. Bullock, S. O. Yelvington, James Craig, superannuated; Ellsworth Leonardson, temperance evangelist; H. A. Beamish, supplying work in the Washington conference; N. B. Ghormley, transferred to South Africa Mission conference; H. G. Ahlemeyer, J. O. Hockett, E. P. Ashcraft, G. W. Griffith, given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer.

ARIZONA DISTRICT—District Elder to be supplied.

Phoenix.....		To be supplied
Liberty.....	C. N. Matherson, supply, Liberty, Arizona	
Cochise County.....		To be supplied

LOCAL ELDERS

T. T. McCall, 1625 East 48th street,	J. M. Cusick....	Whittier, California
Los Angeles, California	J. S. B. Nickle....	Monrovia. "
A. D. Noyes, Station A, Pasadena, Cal-	A. B. Gill, 822 West Walnut street,	
ifornia	Santa Ana, California	
J. T. Wornom.....	Sunland, California	

LOCAL DEACONS

J. G. Baird.....	Hermon, California	J. G. Wilson....	Whittier, California
Cyrus E. Marsh....	Hermon, California		

LOCAL PREACHERS

O. J. Green.....	Toledo, Iowa	H. Blakeley.....	Riverside, California
W. M. Reed...	Los Angeles, California	George W. Dixon,	Glendale, " "
D. Jefcoat....	Los Angeles, " "	Frank M. Hollenbeck,	Liberty, Arizona
L. Mordaunt..	Los Angeles, " "	D. B. Harrer.....	Liberty, " "

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. M. H. Freeland,	Hermon, Cal- ifornia	Mrs. Etta Murray,	702 West 50th street, Los Angeles, California
Mrs. Elizabeth Wyatt,	Hermon, Cal- ifornia	Mrs. Emma F. Shay,	Hermon, Cali- fornia
Virginia Walter,	Garden Grove, Cali- fornia	Mrs. Luella Betts Beamish.	
		Mrs. Margaret Cook.	
		Bertha Ahlemeyer.	

EVANGELISTS

Elizabeth Allbright,	Pomona, Califor- nia	E. L. Lovejoy,	706 East 5th street, Los Angeles, California
Mary C. Bundy,	Santa Maria, Califor- nia	Mrs. Sarah Dubig,	423 East 7th street, Los Angeles, California
D. W. Anderson,	Anaheim, California	Emma Suess..	Los Angeles, " "

TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Apportioned and paid, \$254.50.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Apportioned and paid, \$76.35.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Apportioned and paid, \$50.90.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Apportioned and paid, \$91.62.

PERMANENT FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$25.45.

GENERAL EDUCATIONAL FUND—Paid, \$10.44.

CHILDREN'S FUND—Paid, \$22.02.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Paid, \$63.05.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY—Paid, \$45.43.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—From conference, \$229.05; from S. K. J. Chesbro, \$1,045.95; total, \$1,275.00.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON EDUCATION

Many and varied are the conceptions of man. For the Egyptians, he was a mysterious being, spontaneously generated in the fertile soil of the Nile valley. For others he was a being who sprang from the proboscis of an elephant. For Robert Louis Stevenson, who accepted the evolution theory, he is the "hair-crowned son of dust." For Tennyson, "he comes from the great deep, to the great deep he goes."

The Bible, however, gives us the most exalted conception of man. He was created in the likeness and image of God; made a little lower than the angels, and crowned with glory and honor. This scriptural concept of man recognizes the complex character of his nature. It represents him as being composed of body, soul and spirit.

True education has to do with the "tri-logical classification." Spencer says, "To prepare for complete living is the function education has to discharge." Webster makes it far more sweeping by saying, "The feelings are to be dis-

ciplined, the passions are to be restrained, true and worthy motives are to be inspired; a profound religious feeling is to be instilled and pure morality inculcated under all circumstances—all this is comprised in education." In brief then, education consists in developing the powers of man and furnishing his mind with knowledge.

The act of developing the powers of man is expressed by the word culture; the act of furnishing his mind with knowledge is called instruction. The object of education is therefore two-fold, development and knowledge. This should apply to the entire man.

The trend of education in our higher institutions of learning is away from the ideals suggested by the quotations previously given. The undue prominence given to athletics; the impartation of vicious and pernicious principles, and the neglect of the spiritual is a prevailing condition which is alarming.

Harold Bolce, who has recently made a two-year study of the American college and university, has embodied the results of his investigations in a series of articles, which are being published in *The Cosmopolitan*. John Temple Graves, writing for the *Los Angeles Examiner*, has summed up the situation as follows:

"What Mr. Bolce has here set down is astounding to the general reader, and to the orthodox, alarming in the highest degree. No statement so sensational has startled the civilization of a decade.

"Out of the curricula of American colleges a dynamic movement is upheaving ancient foundations and making an open way for a revolution in the thought and life of this people. Those who are not in close touch with the great colleges of the country will be astonished, in most cases indignant, to learn the creeds that are being fostered by the strong men in the professors' chairs.

"In hundreds of class-rooms there is a scholarly repudiation of all solemn authority, and it is being taught daily that 'the Decalogue is no more sacred than a syllabus;' that 'the home as an institution is doomed;' that 'there are no absolute evils;' that 'immorality is simply an act in contravention of society's accepted standards;' that 'Democracy is a failure and the Declaration of Independence only spectacular rhetoric;' that 'the change from one religion to another is like getting a new hat;' that 'moral precepts are passing shibboleths;' that 'conceptions of right and wrong are as unstable as styles of dress;' that 'wide stairways are open between social levels, but that to the climber children are incumbrances;' that 'the sole effect of prolificacy is to fill tiny graves;' and that 'there can be and are holier alliances outside the marriage bond than within it.'

"Every quoted sentiment is from the spoken or written word of some one of the leading and famous professors of the great colleges."

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These revelations argue with tremendous force the necessity for distinctively Christian schools.

Our people must awaken to the necessity of supporting our denominational schools. If we would save our young people to the church they must be educated in our own seminaries and college. In one of our societies, there was a company of seven young people, simple-hearted and in sympathy with the church. Five of these young people attended a state university in preference to our own schools, and to-day not one of them is in the church.

Our schools must be provided with proper equipment to make them able to compete with the schools around them. They must be manned with teachers able to maintain a scholastic standing equal to, if not superior, to competitive schools of like grade. Then with the moral and Christian influence added, there can be no comparison made.

We thank God for the excellent work done by the Los Angeles seminary, and for the noble band of young people who have gone out from its halls. It is well worthy the patronage of our people, and they should rally to its sup-

port with their means and by sending their children to it. We close our report with the following pertinent words from John Ruskin:

"I know well the common censure by which objections to such futilities of so-called education are met by the men who have been ruined by them—the common plea that 'anything does to exercise the mind upon.' It is an utterly false one. The human soul, in youth is not a machine, of which you can polish the cogs with any help or brickdust near at hand; and, having got it into working order, and good, empty, and oiled serviceableness, start your immortal locomotive at twenty-five years old, or thirty, express from the Strait gate, on the narrow road. The whole period of youth is one essentially of formation, edification, instruction—I use the words with their weight in them—in taking of stores; establishment in vital habits, hopes and faiths. There is not an hour of it but is trembling with destinies—not a moment of which, once past, the appointed work can ever be done again, or the neglected blow struck on the cold iron. Take your vase of Venice glass out of the furnace, and strew chaff over it in its transparent heat, and recover THAT to its clearness and rubbed glory when the north wind has blown upon it; but do not think to strew chaff over the child fresh from God's presence, and to bring the heavenly colors back to him—at least in this world."

II.—ON MEMOIRS

Our brother, Charles B. Ebey, who was so active among us at our last conference, is gone, gone. Almost a year has passed since, without a farewell, he parted from our company to wear a crown of rejoicing, already perfected and laid up for him. But, the rapture enkindling welcome song of the angels still thrills his loving spirit. Heaven's rest, the glories of Paradise, the Savior's presence, are still new to his toil-worn and weary soul. Oh, that with our mortal lips, and more heartily, we might join with him and the redeemed spirits and the angels in the glad hallelujah song to the Lamb.

First, we have lost a preacher of rare ability. Whatever other talents were his to improve, he was first of all an exponent of Bible truth. He was a standard-bearer. Who rallied to his standard found it the Bible standard. Holiness was his theme. His sparkling eye, his clearness of utterance, his sweet spirit and pleasant manner, his exhaustless fund of anecdotes and the aptness of his illustrations, all contributed to his success as a preacher. Multitudes have been blessed by his sermons. Many have been saved through his efforts. Many stars will glitter in his crown.

How he loved our church. Everywhere he was a Free Methodist. Feeling that God had raised up the church for a special work, he never winced at the criticisms of the worldly-wise or quailed before the pretentious gaze of the more prosperous. No privation was too great for him to endure for the church, no effort was too great for him to make, no success was too dearly bought. In response to the call of the church he freely, gladly, joyously gave his time, his talent, his love, his life, his all.

We have each lost a personal friend. His great heart took us all in. Who of us has not received personal attention in our time of need? He seemed on the alert to do us all a favor. Being a servant of all he became great among us. To stand in his presence and meet the gaze of his kindly beaming eye; to feel the clasp of his friendly hand and hear the words of cheer from his great, sympathetic heart, was to feel the burdens lifted and the courage strengthened.

The church has lost a wise and trusted counselor. As a member of the general conference he did service at several successive sessions. His quick, clear-headed judgment placed him on the safe side of troublesome questions. Broad in his vision and sympathies, he planned largely for his own conference and for the church.

The cause of Christian education has lost a strong supporter. Hermon, and the seminary on the hill, was long ago seen by his eye of faith. They stand as a lasting monument of his strong convictions and ceaseless labor. He felt,

as few have felt, the need of trained workers. His name is revered by the students and preserved in the name of the Eberian Literary Society.

The cause of prohibition has lost a worthy and efficient advocate. The curse and blight of the saloon stirred his righteous soul to intense and burning hatred. Some of the strongest articles from his pen were directed toward the overthrow of this deadly traffic. He rejoiced greatly over the recent successes of the prohibition movement.

As editor he gave *The Free Methodist* a deeply spiritual tone and made it more than ever a holiness paper.

The missionary cause will miss Brother Ebey's efficient support and labors. He was a missionary in spirit, an active, ever-ready advocate of the missionary cause.

Brother Ebey's life work was indeed great. For thirty-four years he labored incessantly as a minister, filling prominent pulpits as district elder and revivalist.

For eight years he served as missionary secretary. Five times he occupied a seat in the general conference. For four years he ably edited *The Free Methodist*. He raised up the Southern California conference and founded the Los Angeles seminary.

We would express our deepest sympathy for the bereaved and afflicted family, and commend them to God's grace. Especially do we mourn with his bereaved companion, beseeching for her the Father's special care. We pray that the mantel and spirit of the father may fall upon the son, our much beloved brother, Rev. Clyde R. Ebey.

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LOS ANGELES DISTRICT												
Los Angeles.....	\$ 4 16	\$ 111 09	\$ 5 10	\$ 699 42	\$120	\$139 36	\$ 116 00	1	\$ 15000	1	\$10000	
Hermon and Highland Park.....	4 26	213 76	5 40	790 00	.....	135 00	17 77	1	4500	.....	.....
Pasadena and Lamanda Park.....	\$ 3 00	3 40	117 97	3 50	527 28	156	90 00	49 20	1	6235	1	1050
Santa Ana.....	2 87	2 00	40 00	1 95	325 69	180	76 24	39 47	1	3000	1	3000
Whittier.....	.....	2 00	32 16	1 60	300 00	144	60 00	.....	1	3400	1	1100
Sawtelle.....	.....	1 12	34 32	1 50	400 07	120	65 85	42 65	1	2000	1	1000
Watts and Compton.....	.....	.....	24 24	90	232 64	.....	21 96	.....	1	1000	.....	.....
Monrovia.....	1 50	.....	34 62	25	191 46	.....	18 70	25 55	1	1500	.....	.....
Pomona, Ontario and Upland.....	.....	.....	58 57	.....	325 32	.....	37 15	157 97	.....	.....	.....	.....
Riverside.....	67	70	50 06	65	301 62	.....	25 00	5 95	1	.....	.....	.....
Monte Vista.....	.....	.....	40	118 75	.....	.....	12 17	15 00	1	1000	.....	.....
Garden Grove.....	.....	1 20	26 27	80	301 54	60	22 01	15 00	1	1000	1	800
Santa Maria and Nipoma.....	35	.....	9 02	20	118 93	.....	26 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
San Diego.....	.....	.....	40 56	90	280 00	100	31 00	.....	1	3500	1	1500
ARIZONA DISTRICT												
Phoenix and Liberty.....	2 06	1 77	56 00	1 80	488 00	50	41 00	197 00	2	5000	2	700
Ocochise County.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	\$10 44	\$20 61	\$ 848 64	\$24 95	\$5390 72	\$930	\$819 84	\$ 681 56	13	\$ 47135	9	\$19150

NOTE.—American Bible Society: Hermon, \$30.00; Pasadena, \$1.29; Garden Grove, 57c.; Whittier, \$4.40.
For Publishing House: Sawtelle, \$1.40.
For Olive Branch Mission: Monrovia, \$12.00

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

LOS ANGELES AND ARIZONA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Societies
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT	David McLeod, District Elder																	
Los Angeles.....	W. C. Shephard.....	98	13	111	4	3	2	21	132	32	\$ 45 90	\$ 18 36	\$ 51 00	\$ 15 30	\$ 10 20	\$ 15 00	\$564 19	
Heermans and Highland Park.....	G. W. Griffith, supply.....	123	13	136	4	5	1	24	249	40	48 60	19 44	54 00	16 20	10 80	1303 90	225 29	
Pasadena and Lamanda Park.....	W. C. Graves.....	67	7	64	1	1	1	9	180	18	31 50	12 60	35 00	10 60	7 00	28 55	72 49	
Santa Ana.....	James Craig.....	42	9	51	1	1	1	11	43	8	17 55	7 02	19 50	5 85	3 90	6 80	94 65	
Whittier.....	M. N. Downing.....	28	1	29	2	1	1	7	33	11	14 40	5 76	16 00	4 80	3 20	3 39	59 34	
Sawtelle.....	S. F. Hellman.....	35	1	36	1	1	1	5	32	14	13 50	3 24	9 00	4 50	3 00	28 36	25 36	
Watts and Compton.....	J. Q. Murray.....	19	4	23	1	1	1	5	26	5	8 10	2 25	9 00	2 70	1 80	3 75	24 03	
Monrovia.....	Ada Pearce, supply.....	22	7	29	1	1	1	8	31	8	5 65	3 34	5 50	1 30	1 60	30 00	32 38	
Pomona, Ontario and Upland.....	E. G. Albright.....	19	3	22	2	1	1	9	19	2	9 60	1 44	1 20	1 60	1 50	51	8 00	
Riverside.....	A. C. Brown.....	14	2	16	1	1	1	7	20	3	7 20	2 88	8 00	2 40	1 50	.....	.....
Monte Vista.....	J. T. Worron, supply.....	12	1	13	1	1	1	4	15	4	2 68	2 40	7 50	2 25	1 50	.....	.....
Garden Grove.....	Elmer T. Layne, supply.....	16	2	18	1	1	1	4	16	4	2 68	2 40	7 50	2 25	1 50	.....	.....
Santa Maria and Nipoma.....	Harry Beamsb.....	12	1	13	1	1	1	4	16	4	2 68	2 40	7 50	2 25	1 50	.....	.....
San Diego.....	J. W. Marshall.....	17	2	19	1	1	2	13	70	5	7 20	3 24	9 00	2 70	1 80	.....	.....
ARIZONA DISTRICT	F. A. Ames, District Elder																	
Phoenix and Liberty.....	F. A. Ames.....	37	9	46	5	2	16	104	14	16 20	6 48	13 00	5 40	3 60	.....	21 25	112 75	
Cochise County.....	F. A. Ames.....	7	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	547	75	622	21	13	17	133	980	184	\$ 224 63	\$ 86 10	\$ 255 00	\$ 76 50	\$ 51 00	.....	1412 50	1318 21

OREGON CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual Session, held Portland,
Oregon, May 26-29, 1909

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*

C. N. BLAIR, *Secretary*

H. E. KREIDER, *Assistant Secretary*

W. J. JOHNSTON, *Treasurer*

D. M. CATHEY, *Sunday-school Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Walter A. Sellaw, W. N. Coffee, D. M. Cathey, D. W. Cook, N. Welter.

On Education—H. E. Kreider, H. Buzan, T. H. Symms.

On Reforms—D. W. Cook, F. L. Rugg, J. W. Sharpe.

On Publications—J. F. Lewis, W. E. Goode, H. East.

On Sunday-schools—E. I. Harrington, D. M. Cathey, Malinda J. Blair.

On State of the Work—D. W. Cook, N. Welter, W. N. Coffee.

On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—J. W. Sharpe, G. W. Bondurant.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Collecting Funds to Publish the Minutes—J. F. Smith.

On Ministerial Relations—D. W. Cook, T. H. Symms, E. L. Smith, W. N. Coffee, E. I. Harrington, W. F. Randall, W. J. Johnston.

On Complimentary Resolutions—Cyrus Cook, W. W. Gatts.

On Claimants and Claims—Walter A. Sellaw, W. N. Coffee, N. Welter, A. L. Swain, J. Buzan.

On Memoirs—D. W. Cook, B. L. Knoll, W. N. Coffee, N. Welter.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

G. W. Bondurant, one year; W. E. Goode, two years; W. J. Johnston, three years.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

D. W. Cook, president; O. N. Blair, secretary; W. F. Randall, treasurer; J. W. Sharpe, W. N. Coffee.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—D. W. Cook,

On Reforms—E. I. Harrington.

On Publications—O. N. Blair,

On Sunday-schools—J. A. Hopper.

On State of the Work—J. W. Sharpe, W. J. Johnston.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions; second quarter, Conference Missions, Permanent Fund; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Church Extension; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. E. Goode,	J. H. Brown,	T. H. Symms,
W. Barrett,	H. J. Blair,	E. I. Harrington,
G. W. Bondurant,	W. J. Johnston,	W. J. Bowerman,
O. N. Blair,	W. N. Coffee,	D. W. Cook,
W. W. Gatts,	S. G. Roper,	B. L. Knoll,
N. Welter,	J. D. Cook,	J. F. Lewis,
E. D. Blackman,	H. E. Kreider,	J. F. Smith,
E. L. Smith,	Cyrus Cook,	E. W. Hillis,
J. N. Wood,	J. W. Sharpe,	J. A. Hopper,
R. H. Dollarhide,		

DELEGATES

F. L. Rugg,	W. J. Cowherd,	Florence Dollarhide,
Olive Lewis,	Malinda J. Blair,	Elford Soule,
Clara Cooley,	Nellie Friedolph,	E. Bryant,
J. Buzan,	A. L. Swain,	C. W. Sharp,
Martha N. Brown,	Jacob Skuzie,	H. East,
Eliza Long,	Alice Ellison,	W. F. Randall,
J. W. Adams,		

2. Who are the stationing committee? Walter A. Sellw, W. N. Coffee, D. W. Cook, N. Welter, A. L. Swain, C. W. Sharp, J. Buzan.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.
4. Who remain on trial? S. F. Pitts, F. D. Helm, H. A. Walter.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? E. W. Hillis.
6. Who are the deacons? S. G. Roper, J. F. Lewis, H. E. Kreider, E. W. Hillis, J. F. Smith.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? W. W. Gatts.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? S. F. Pitts, E. D. Blackman, G. W. Bondurant, E. W. Hillis, W. J. Bowerman, T. H. Symms, W. W. Gatts.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? J. D. Cook, Cyrus Cook, W. Barrett.
11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? J. N. Wood, an elder, from the Columbia River conference; J. W. Sharpe, an elder, from the Central Illinois conference; J. A. Hopper, an elder, from the Colorado conference; R. H. Dollarhide, an elder, from the Louisiana conference.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? H. V. Haslam, to the California conference.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
15. Who have died this year? John Glen.
- 16-20. See statistics.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers? J. D. Cook, \$100.00; Cyrus Cook, \$150.00.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Ashland, Oregon, as near the first of June as will be convenient to the presiding bishop.

APPOINTMENTS

PORTLAND DISTRICT—W. J. JOHNSTON, District Elder, 328 East Ninth street, Portland, Oregon

Portland, First Church and St. Johns.....
D. M. Cathey, supply, 333 East Ninth street, Portland, Oregon
 Portland, Second Church.....
W. N. Coffee, 1450 East Glisan street, Portland, "
 Houlton and Bethany.....J. F. Lewis, Houlton, "
 Gresham and Estacada.....S. G. Roper, Gresham, "
 Damascus and Sunnyside, E. M. Mortimore, sup., R. F. D. 1, Clackamas, "
 Forest Grove, Hillsboro and Dilley.....D. W. Cook, Forest Grove, "
 Newberg.....J. N. Wood, Newberg, "
 Woodburn and Hubbard.....O. N. Blair, Woodburn, "
 Salem.....J. A. Hopper, 1228 North Winter street, Salem, "
 Beaver.....H. A. Walter, Beaver, "

T. H. Symms, supernumerary, Forest Grove, Oregon; E. W. Hillis, supernumerary, 1450 East Glisan street, Portland, Oregon; G. W. Bondurant, supernumerary, Hillsdale, Oregon; S. F. Pitts, supernumerary, Gresham, Oregon; W. J. Bowerman, supernumerary, R. F. D. 1, Clackamas, Oregon; W. Barrett, superannuated, Arleta, Oregon; Cyrus Cook, superannuated, Salem, Oregon; J. D. Cook, superannuated, Newberg, Oregon; E. L. Smith, supplying work in the Washington conference; H. V. Haslam, transferred to the California conference; W. J. Johnston, member of the Portland district quarterly conference.

THE DALLES DISTRICT—W. J. JOHNSTON, District Elder

The Dalles.....To be supplied
 White River and Bake Oven.....W. H. Aldridge, supply, Bake Oven, Oregon
 Madras and Opal Prairie.....A. S. Wright, supply, Madras, "
 Juniper Flat.....To be supplied

CENTRAL DISTRICT—J. W. SHARPE, District Elder, Medford, Oregon

Eugene.....To be supplied
 Springfield.....H. E. Krieder, Springfield, Oregon
 Albany.....B. L. Knoll, Albany, "
 Lacombe and Waterloo.....F. D. Helm, Lacombe, "
 Falls City.....H. J. Blair, Malinda J. Blair, supply, Falls City, "
 Roseburg and Drain.....R. H. Dollarhide, Roseburg, "
 Walden and Starr.....J. F. Smith, Cottage Grove, "

E. D. Blackman, supernumerary; W. W. Gatts, supernumerary, Lacombe, Oregon.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT—J. W. SHARPE, District Elder

Grant's Pass, Murphy and Woodville.....W. E. Goode, Grant's Pass, Oregon
 Medford and Phoenix.....E. I. Harrington, Medford, "
 Ashland and Talent.....N. Welter, Ashland, "
 Klamath county, J. H. Brown, Martha N. Brown, supply, Klamath Falls, " ..

J. O. Hockett, transferred to the California conference; J. W. Sharpe, member of the Southern district quarterly conference.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Malinda J. Blair, Falls City, Ore- Mrs. Martha N. Brown, Klamath
 gon Falls, Oregon
 Mrs. Mary A. Hillis, Portland, Oregon Mrs. Urvilla C. Reese, Roseburg, Ore-
 gon

LOCAL PREACHERS

Evert Hubbard, R. F. D. 1. Clackamas, Oregon	A. Notestine.....Roseburg, Oregon
John Turnage.....Lacomb, Oregon	E. A. Sayre....Tygh Valley, "
Frank Sigsby ....Portland, "	W. B. Aldredge...Bake Oven, "
Sidney Scott, 208 East 52nd street, North, Portland, Oregon	John Murphey, Fair Grounds, "
A. Lingren, 1433 Hassalo street, Portland, Oregon	S. F. AndrasMadras, "
Hoy Pauly.....Holbrook, Oregon	S. S. EnneyMedford, "
J. W. Eldredge....Sherwood, "	A. W. Countryman..Medford, "
J. W. Adams.....Newburg, "	J. M. ReeseRoseburg, "
A. WalkerSalem, "	W. Bishop.....Grant's Pass, "
F. B. Crecy...Klamath Falls, "	C. H. Purcell....Blaine, Washington
J. G. Tunison..Tygh Valley, "	D. M. Cathey, 333 East Ninth street, Portland, Oregon
Marion Edee.....Nahalem, Oregon	A. Wells, 747 41st street, Portland, Oregon

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Florence Wells, 747 41st street, Portland, Oregon	W. G. McLaren, 22 Front street, Portland, Oregon
Mrs. Charlotte Johnston, 328 East Ninth street, Portland, Oregon	Mrs. Mary F. Coffee, 1450 East Glisan street, Portland, Oregon
Mrs. Mary H. Reed, Murphy, Oregon	Mrs. Bertha M. Blair, Woodburn, Oregon

TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS'—Apportioned, \$242.10; raised by circuits, \$227.90; deficiency (raised at conference), \$14.20.
BISHOPS' SALARIES—Apportioned, \$96.84; raised by circuits, \$91.10; deficiency (raised at conference), \$5.74.
GENERAL MISSIONS—Apportioned, \$80.70; raised by circuits, \$74.92; deficiency (raised at conference), \$5.78.
CHURCH EXTENSION—Apportioned, \$53.80; raised by circuits, \$45.10; deficiency (raised at conference), \$8.70.
CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Apportioned, \$134.50; raised by circuits, \$117.50; deficiency (raised at conference), \$17.00.
PERMANENT FUND—Apportioned, \$26.90; raised by circuits, \$19.00; deficiency (raised at conference), \$7.90.
FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$46.72.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held a public meeting on Sunday afternoon. Bishop Sellew gave a very interesting address on foreign missions and exhibited many curios which he had brought with him on his return from his visits to the mission fields. A liberal collection was taken. The society reported that they had raised \$1,134.72 during the year, including the missionary boxes.

They elected the following officers for the coming year: Mrs. Mary F. Coffee, president, 1450 East Glisan street, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Hattie Wrage, first vice-president, 1273 Yamhill street, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Birdeen Myers, second vice-president, Medford, Oregon; Mrs. Bertha M. Blair, corresponding secretary, Woodburn, Oregon; Mrs. Allie Lewis, recording secretary, Houlton, Oregon; Mrs. Neva Dubois, treasurer, Mt. Tabor Station, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Martha Mortimore, superintendent of Junior work, Clackamas, Oregon.

M. C. Clarke and wife, A. Beers and wife, B. H. Alberts, B. F. Smalley

and A. N. West, of the Washington conference; F. W. Cathey, of the Susquehanna conference, were in attendance at this conference session.

There was raised by the committee on collecting funds to publish the minutes, \$23.35.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK

While not making the advancement numerically which we would like to make, we are nevertheless at work, in the prosecution of an aggressive evangelism. There have been a goodly number of accessions to the church during the year but we have to record more removals by death, perhaps, than in any previous year. Some of our people who are recent comers to the Coast not being permanently settled have moved from one society to another, so that one society shows a gain and another a loss. Over these changes the pastor has no control and sometimes he feels somewhat discouraged at the thought that some will interpret his losses by death and removal by letter as the indicator of his faithfulness or unfaithfulness. Some have moved to other conferences. This year especially there has been a determination to carry no more than we are obliged to of merely nominal church members; hence quite a number of the pastors have come to conference with expurgated lists. * * *

We need perhaps more than anything else the labors of one of our general conference evangelists in fortifying and extending our work at some of the important points. We have besought the board of general missions to send us an evangelist, have personally invited them to come, and they have planned for us, but so far none has come and we continue the Macedonian cry. Our work suffers, also, from non-effective preachers. Could we send into the field all who hold membership in the conference we would doubtless be gratified with the results. The Eastern district is sadly in need of workers, but we can send them none. We humbly pray God to raise up workers among us for the needy points. Our people are liberal with their means; but as we say of singing, so we should do in our benevolences, we should give in "the Spirit and with the understanding also." * * *

But while we have enough of failure to humble us before God we have enough to encourage us, in the Lord. We have a good people, brotherly love, much of unity, and the blessing of God upon our services, and a yearning desire to see the work of God advance among us. We pray for fresh anointings of His Spirit to the end that the coming year may see much accomplished in the vineyard.

II.—ON MEMOIRS

Since our last session Rev. John Glen, one of the earliest pioneers of North Coast Free Methodism, has been called to his eternal reward. He died very suddenly in the midst of the activities of a busy pastorate, and in the enjoyment of a protracted and most remarkable outpouring of the Spirit upon his soul.

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He was a successful minister and had been honored with a seat in the highest councils of the church. He died with his armor on, with his face to the foe, and with the war-call upon his lips, leading his followers victoriously in the unequal strife for religious freedom, and the Christ-like simplicity of the gospel against the determined encroachments of popular religion.

BE IT RESOLVED: That in the death of Brother Glen this conference suffers the loss of a loyal son of the church, a wise counsellor, an affectionate, spiritual father, and a fearless champion of scriptural truth.

That we miss his presence in our sessions, his voice in the ministry of the Word, especially in this pulpit, and his kindly face and genial spirit in all our assemblies.

That we will not forget him, for he still lives in his accomplished work

among us, and in the affectionate memory of his brethren; for in its chambers still rings a clarion tone in the preaching of the Word, and his voice "like the sound of the dulcimer sweet" is heard in the songs that we sing.

Resolved, That we will seek to emulate his aggressive, yet tender and forgiving spirit, and that we will strive to acquire those noble qualities of his mind which so distinguished him among his brethren. And, be it further

Resolved, That we hereby extend to his bereaved companion and to his children our heartfelt sympathies in this their irreparable loss; and also be it

Resolved, That ten o'clock to-morrow morning is hereby appointed for a memorial service in honor of his memory, said service to consist of prayer by the president, a suitable hymn sung by the congregation, and tributes to his memory by his friends. And finally, be it

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of this assembly and published in the conference minutes, and that a copy of the same be forwarded to each member of the family.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OREGON CONFERENCE

PORTLAND, SALEM, EUGENE, GRANTS PASS AND THE DALLES DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
PORTLAND DISTRICT							\$ 619 46					
Portland and St. Johns.....			\$ 52 53		\$ 477 43		234 00	\$ 41 00	1	\$ 3000	1	\$ 1600
Central.....			45 00	\$ 2 35	615 73		106 85	55 00	1	1200	1	2000
Houlton and Bethany.....			52 00	1 35	424 46		91 00	12 47	2	1700	1	800
Gresham, Estacada, etc.....			17 00	1 55	488 25		77 15	50 00	2	2000	1	700
Damascus and Sunnyside.....			41 65	90	129 62		43 73	124 48	2	1800	1	700
Forest Grove, Hillsboro, Dilly.....			21 05	1 95	389 49		66 73	37 50	1	1600	1	1000
SALEM DISTRICT							339 26					
Salem and Aumsville.....			34 35	2 00	404 30		70 80	35 32	1	1000	1	500
Albany.....				40	87 35		40 00					
Lacomb.....			26 50	1 10	286 00		60 33		1	1000	1	500
Falls City.....			24 00	70	239 00		35 90		1	1000	1	800
Dayton and Newberg.....			31 97	1 25	259 34		56 25		2	1800	1	600
Woodburn and Hubbard.....			11 00	1 25	336 58		66 08	8 10	2	1900	1	700
Harmony.....												
Waterloo.....			22 24		125 00		9 90		1	900		
Beaver and Tillamook.....					19 61			28 69	1	400		
EUGENE DISTRICT							106 13					
Eugene and Springfield.....			20 00	1 35	439 90		62 50	16 00	1	600	1	600
Parson's Creek, Marcola, etc.....												
Roseburg.....			13 00	40	74 58		30 60	14 00	1	1200		
Myrtle Creek and Canyonville.....				05								
Dial and Comstock.....				05			13 03					
Marshfield.....												
GRANTS PASS DISTRICT							144 17					
Grants Pass, Woodville, etc.....				25			2 80		1	1200	1	600
Murphy, Missouri Flats, etc.....				20			16 17					
Ashland and Talent.....			20 00	1 06	122 75		57 50	63 00	1	1500		
Medford, Phoenix, etc.....			\$ 2 85	20 00	85							
Klamath County.....								13 00				
THE DALLES DISTRICT							75 65					
The Dalles and Hood River.....												
White River and Bake Oven.....			24 56		100 00		37 76	8 00				
Madras and Opal Prairie.....			10 00		20 00		37 89					
Raised at conference.....				7 90								
Total			\$ 2 85	\$ 486 85	\$26 90	\$5218 67	\$1294 67	\$496 56 23	\$ 24700	14	\$11500	

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CHARGE	PREACHER																		Woman's Foreign Missionary Soci- eties
		Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Mis- sions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim		
PORTLAND DISTRICT		W. N. Coffee, District Elder																	
Portland and St. Johns	D. M. Cathey.	128	8	136	3	4	1	10	75	13	\$56.70	\$22.68	\$31.50	\$18.90	\$12.60		\$12.10	\$85.61	
Central.	W. J. Johnston.	48	6	54	4	1	1	9	64	11	21.15	8.46	11.75	7.05	4.70			148.13	
Houston and Bethany	J. F. Lewis.	33	6	39	1	2	10	80	10	4	4.86	6.75	4.65	3.10	2.70			92.50	
Gresham, Estacada, Pleasant Valley	O. N. Blair.	36	2	38	1	2	8	40	5	13	13.95	5.68	7.75	4.65	3.10			95.00	
Damascus and Sunnyside.	S. F. Pitts.	16	15	31	1	2	15	62	1	8	10.40	3.24	4.60	2.70	1.80				
Forest Grove, Hillsboro and Dilly.	E. W. Phillips.	28	2	30	1	2	7	54	7	17	17.55	7.02	7.5	4.87	.90			13.75	
SALEM DISTRICT		W. N. Coffee, District Elder																	
Salem and Aumsville.	J. A. Huber.	35	2	37	1	1	1	7	40	10	18.00	7.20	10.00	6.00	4.00		24.00	75.30	
Albany.	H. L. Knott.	18	4	19	1	1	4	35	4	9	8.01	1.44	2.00	1.20	.80				
Lacomb.	H. A. Walter.	14	1	15	1	1	6	25	3	6	8.30	2.60	3.50	3.00	2.10			10.62	
Falls City.	H. J. and Malinda J. Blair, sup's	23	6	29	2	1	1	6	20	13	11.25	4.50	6.25	3.75	1.40				
Dayton and Newberg.	S. G. Roper	32	6	38	2	2	9	60	13	11	25.40	4.50	6.25	3.75	2.50		2.62	88.47	
Woodburn and Hubbard.	H. E. Krieder.	23	1	24	2	2	10	42	9	9	11.25	4.50	6.25	3.75	2.50		2.30	19.85	
Harmony.	W. W. Gatts.	4	5	9	1	1	5	26	1										
Waterloo.	W. E. Preston.	3	3	6															
Beaver and Tillamook	N. E. Wester.	24	4	28	1	1	11	40	4	12	15.48	4.36	6.75	4.05	2.70		4.65		
EUGENE DISTRICT		E. I. Harrington.																	
Eugene and Springfield.	Supplied.	11	1	12	2	1	4	24	5	3.60	1.44	2.00	1.20	.80			1.05		
Parson's Creek, Marcola, Wendling	J. F. Smith.	1	1	2	1	1	1	4	24	5	4.5	18	25	15	10				
Roseburg.	C. G. Rambo, supply	1	1	2	1	1	1	4	24	5	4.5	18	25	15	10				
Myrtle Creek and Ganyonyville	I. Sparks, supply	1	1	2	1	1	1	4	24	5	4.5	18	25	15	10				
Drain and Constock.	Supplied.	1	1	2	1	1	1	4	24	5	4.5	18	25	15	10				
Marshfield.	N. Wester, District Elder	6	6	12	6	1				1	2.25	.90	1.25	.75	.50				
GRANTS PASS DISTRICT		N. Wester, District Elder																	
Grants Pass, Woodville and Golden.	Supplied.	6	5	11	6	1				1	2.25	.90	1.25	.75	.50				
Murphy, Missouri Flats, William's Cr	A. W. Countryman, supply.	6	5	11	6	1				1	2.00	.75	1.00	.60	.40				
Ashland and Talent.	L. E. Blackman, Supply	26	2	28	1	1	12	38	9	9	9.45	3.78	5.25	3.15	.10				
Medford, Phoenix, Central Point	F. E. Goode	20	2	22	1	1	7	25	6	7	6.85	3.65	4.25	2.65	1.70				
Klamath County.	F. D. W. Creecy, supply.	5	5	10	5	1				1									
THE DALLES DISTRICT		F. D. W. Cook, District Elder																	
The Dalles and Hood River.	Supplied.	14	14	28	3	2	3	42	8										
White River and Bake Oven.	Supplied.	11	2	16	1	1	2	15	4										
Madras and Opal Prairie.	G. W. Bondurant.																		
Raised at conference.																			
Total.		560	68	628	23	9	95	147	777	130	\$242.10	\$96.84	\$134.50	\$80.70	\$53.80		\$46.72	\$569.23	

PLATTE RIVER CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual Session, held at Belgrade,
Nebraska, August 11-14, 1909

OFFICERS

BURTON R. JONES, *President*

J. L. DODGE, *Secretary*

C. H. FOE, *Assistant Secretary*

OTTO ZIMMERMAN, *Treasurer*

K. THOMAS, *Sunday-school Secretary*

COMMITTEES

- On Public Worship*—Burton R. Jones, C. H. Foe, J. L. Dodge, Otto Zimmerman, R. L. Pickett.
- On Sabbath-schools*—S. S. Cameron, F. E. Eaton, G. W. Tinker, Arthur Morton, Eunice Brock, Eliza Thomas, E. D. Clark, Sarah Bennett.
- On Publications*—W. I. Farnham, David Reck, R. L. Pickett, Frank Mills, Lizzie M. Davis, Eliza Raish.
- On Reforms*—A. J. McKinney, Otto Zimmerman, B. B. Orr, J. F. Hindman, Anna Orr, Edna Wade, Laura Tinker.
- On Education*—The conference board of education, with W. I. Farnham, C. R. Volgamore, Carrie M. Eaton.
- To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—K. Thomas, Olive Foe, Florence McNees.
- On Charities*—George Vogt, A. Dowd, Mary E. Carpenter, J. L. Hilliard, Rosetta Ekberg.
- On Resolutions*—A. J. McKinney.
- On the State of the Work*—The district elders.
- On Conference Missions*—The stationing committee.
- On Publishing the Minutes*—The secretaries.
- To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes*—C. H. Sawyer.
- To Nominate Trustees for Orleans Seminary*—J. L. Dodge, S. S. Cameron, C. H. Foe, Carrie M. Clark, Arthur Morton.
- On Claimants and Claims*—Burton R. Jones, J. L. Dodge, C. H. Foe, J. L. Hilliard, Florence McNees.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

George Vogt, president; A. J. McKinney, secretary; S. S. Cameron, treasurer;
J. L. Hilliard, Frank Mills.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

K. Thomas, five years; O. Zimmerman, four years; C. H. Foe, three years;
J. L. Dodge, two years; George Vogt, one year.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION

J. L. Dodge, president; C. H. Foe, secretary; Otto Zimmerman, J. L. Hilliard,
Florence McNees.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions, General Missions; second quarter, Church

Extension. General Conference Delegates' Expenses, Foreign Missions; third quarter. Bishops' Salaries, Conference Treasurer's Expense; fourth quarter. Conference Claimants' Fund, Permanent Fund, Education.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Laura Tinker, Republican, Nebraska; first vice-president, Mary E. Carpenter, Orleans, Nebraska; second vice-president, Celia Chambers, St. Paul, Nebraska; third vice-president, Lizzie T. Orr, Ansley, Nebraska, fourth vice-president, Rosetta Ekberg, Elsie, Nebraska; recording secretary, Florence McNees, Bartley, Nebraska; corresponding secretary, Ida Hornberger, Bladen, Nebraska; treasurer, Mary E. Carpenter; president of Junior work, Carrie F. Eaton.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

K. Thomas,	J. W. Thomas,	C. H. Sawyer.
C. H. Foe,	B. B. Orr,	G. W. Johnston.
S. S. Cameron,	J. L. Dodge,	David Reck,
George Vogt,	G. E. Bennett,	R. F. Johnston.
G. W. Tinker,	Otto Zimmerman,	G. W. Woogerd.
W. I. Farnham,	A. Dowd,	A. J. McKinney.
R. L. Pickett,	F. E. Eaton,	J. M. Eggers,
F. A. Davis,	L. D. Clevenger,	A. Stedwell.
J. W. McIrwin.		

DELEGATES

Mary E. Carpenter,	A. Morton,	Carrie F. Eaton.
Laura Tinker.	C. R. Volgamore,	R. B. Rundall.
Frank Mills.	J. L. Hilliard,	J. F. Hindman.
Olive Foe,	E. D. Clark,	Sarah B. Bennett,
Eliza Thomas,	Eunice Brock,	Rosetta Ekberg.
Florence McNees.	Eliza Raish,	Edna Wade.
Lizzie M. Davis.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? Burton R. Jones, C. H. Foe, J. L. Dodge, Otto Zimmerman, J. L. Hilliard, Florence McNees, Laura Tinker.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? C. R. Volgamore, J. M. Messer.

4. Who remain on trial? J. K. Lydic, H. E. Moore, A. A. Chambers, J. H. Anderson, V. D. Rickard, A. F. Smith.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? F. A. Davis, L. D. Clevenger,

6. Who are the deacons? G. E. Bennett, R. L. Pickett, *L. D. Clevenger. Local deacons: D. E. Dodge, H. R. Lucore, C. Hauxwell, M. V. Hawk, A. F. Smith, *A. Hodson.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders? W. I. Farnham.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? G. W. Woogerd, R. F. Johnston, J. M. Eggers, A. Dowd.

10. None.

* Ordained this year.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? A. Stedwell and J. W. McIrvin, both from the Oklahoma conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? Charles Wheeler.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? J. W. Thomas, to the Colorado conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. None.

16-23. See statistical reports.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. When, and where, shall our next conference be held? In the bounds of Orleans district, as near the last of August as will suit the convenience of the bishops.

APPOINTMENTS

ORLEANS DISTRICT—C. H. Foe, District Elder, Huxley, Nebraska

Orleans.....Otto Zimmerman, Orleans, Nebraska
 Alma and Atlanta..L. D. Clevenger, Zora Clevenger, supply, Alma, "
 Republican and Bloomington....."
G. W. Tinker, Laura Tinker, supply, Republican, "
 Bladen and Cowles.....A. F. Smith, Bladen, "
 Giltner and Hastings.....To be supplied
 Minden and Lowell.....To be supplied
 Edison and Oxford.....A. J. McKinney, Edison, Nebraska
 Beaver City, Stamford and Precept....."

.....H. E. Moore, Mary Moore, supply, Stamford, "
 J. L. Dodge, principal Orleans Seminary; K. Thomas, evangelist, Orleans, Nebraska; A. Dowd, supernumerary, Bladen, Nebraska; G. W. Woogerd, supernumerary, Orleans, Nebraska; J. W. Thomas, given certificate of good standing; C. H. Foe, member of the Orleans district quarterly conference.

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT—C. H. Foe, District Elder

Cambridge, Holbrook and Earl.....J. W. McIrvin, Cambridge, Nebraska
 Bartley, Havana and McCook....."
Florence McNees, C. Kinnison, supplies, Bartley, "
 Wilsonville and Lebanon.....David Reck, Wilsonville, "
 Curtis and Wellfleet.....J. K. Lydic, Curtis, "
 Hayes Center and Culbertson.....C. R. Volgamore, Hayes Center, "
 Venango and Chase.....Rosetta Ekberg, supply, Elsie, "

R. F. Johnston, supernumerary, Earl, Nebraska; G. W. Johnston, left without appointment.

CENERAL CITY DISTRICT—GEORGE VOGT, District Elder, Orleans, Nebraska

Central City.....C. H. Sawyer, Central City, Nebraska
 Polk and Hordville.....J. H. Anderson, Polk, "
 Belgrade and Fullerton.....F. E. Eaton, Belgrade, "
 Albion and Spalding.....J. M. Messer, Albion, "
 Horace and Ericson.....W. I. Farnham, Ericson, "
 St. Paul and Palmer....."
A. A. Chambers, Cella Chambers, supplies, St. Paul, "
 Burwell.....Joseph Beetem, supply, Burwell, "

S. S. Cameron, evangelist, Giltner, Nebraska.

ANSLEY DISTRICT—GEORGE VOGT, District Elder

Ansley, Mason, Comstock...B. B. Orr, Lizzie T. Orr, supply, Ansley, Nebraska
 Sargent, Walworth, Broken Bow.....
V. D. Rickard, George E. Hartman, supply, Walworth, "
 Litchfield and Loup City.....
G. E. Bennett, Sarah Bennett, supply, Huxley, "
 Ravenna and Hazard.....
E. D. Clark, Carrie M. Clark, supplies, Ravenna. "
 Kearney and Cozad.....A. Stedwell, Orleans. "

NORTH PLATTE DISTRICT—GEORGE VOGT, District Elder

North Platte and Hershey...T. H. Hendren, supply, North Platte, Nebraska
 Gandy and Ringold.....F. A. Davis, Myrtle, "
 Llewellen and Hillsdale.....F. W. Drown, supply, Hillsdale. "
 Bridgeport and Ickes.....Nettie Robertson, supply, Bridgeport. "
 J. M. Eggers, supernumerary, Llewellen, Nebraska.

LOCAL PREACHERS

*W. R. Todd....Orleans, Nebraska	†H. R. Lucore....Hastings, Nebraska
†H. V. Hawk.....Ansley, "	†A. Hodson....Erickson, "
†D. E. Dodge.....Orleans, "	†C. Hauxwell...Indianola, "
W. R. Mattox....Comstock, "	*A. L. Seavey....Denmark, "
E. D. Clark.....Ravenna, "	T. H. Hendren....Bladen, "
C. Kinison.....Bartley, "	E. M. Letner.....Bladen, "

EVANGELISTS

†Etta Johnston, Scenic, South Dakota	†Rosetta Eckberg, Venango, Nebraska
†Sarah B. Bennett, Huxley, Nebraska	†Florence Ellison, Ansley, "
†Alice M. Ellison...Ansley, "	†Lizzie T. Orr...Spalding, "
†Laura Tinker..Republican, "	†Rebecca Debord, Huxley, "
†Mary M. Paris..Hastings, "	Cella R. Chambers, Bladen, "
†Florence McNeese, Orleans, "	Eliza Raish...Walworth, "
Lela Hendren...Bladen, "	Nettie Robertson, Bridgeport, Nebraska
Zora Clevenger...Alma, "	Daisy D. Pickett, Huson, Washington
Carrie M. Clark, Ravenna, "	Mary Cuddy.....Ravenna, Nebraska
†Christina Capellan, Hazard, "	
†Olive Foe.....Cowles, "	

MISCELLANEOUS

The fourteenth annual session of this conference was held in a pleasant grove one and one-half miles south of Belgrade, Nebraska, in connection with the district camp-meeting of Central City district. The district did nobly and generously in entertaining the conference.

Bishop Burton R. Jones presided with grace and ability, and his godly advice and wise admonitions were received with approbation. His preaching was spiritual and powerful.

The attendance was not so large as at some former sessions. However, the interest and enthusiasm equalled or exceeded that of some former occasions. The business was readily despatched in four comparatively short sittings, and the appointments were received with general satisfaction.

Nearly every public service was followed by spiritual altar services. The last night over twenty seekers bowed at the mercy-seat, nearly all of whom were either saved or sanctified wholly.

* Elder. † Deacon. ‡ Conference evangelist.

B. L. Olmstead represented the publishing house. He also preached two excellent and effective sermons, and gave an instructive address on Christian education.

Over \$700 was raised on the camp-ground, of which \$140 was to send Glen Anderson (the orphan son of former Principal C. E. Anderson) to Orleans seminary the ensuing year; \$302 for Orleans seminary improvements, and \$62 for foreign missions.

The next session of the conference was appointed to be held in Orleans district as near the last of August, 1910, as will suit the bishop.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK

Another year has passed and its opportunities are gone forever. We have made another paragraph in the history of the Platte River conference. As we reflect we wonder what God has seen in us to give us the degree of grace and prosperity which He has. No doubt many mistakes have been made. With more wisdom and grace we might have done better, yet we can say, "Hither by God's help we've come; and we hope by His good pleasure, safely to arrive at home." Amen!

We have held nine camp- and tent-meetings during the year, and special revival meetings on nearly all the circuits, from which we have seen some good results. A number have been saved and added to the church. However, many have left us for other parts, some have joined other churches, and a few have died. This has weakened us on some circuits, and while our full membership remains about the same we have to report a decrease in the number of probationers.

We need more revivals and more of the evangelistic spirit. In order to this we need to be more devoted to the work of God:

1. As preachers we must have a stronger faith as per our Discipline, page 70, paragraph 116. Let us get this deeply impressed on our hearts. It will help us to be more faithful in pastoral visiting and more diligent in doing the work committed to us by God and the conference. One good layman remarked during the past year that "if our preachers would devote as much time to their circuit work as we farmers do to our work, there would be much more accomplished."

2. As laymen we must provide a better support for our preachers and be "fervent in spirit" as well as diligent in business.

We fully believe that this lack of support for our pastors will be remedied by our preachers being more faithful in pastoral visiting and in taking up new work wherever possible; and by our stewards and leaders faithfully doing their duty as per Discipline, and by our people adopting the tithing system of support.

II.—ON EDUCATION

The word "educate" is derived from two Latin terms meaning "to lead out." Mankind, especially in infancy, has faculties that need to be developed, talents which need to be drawn out, and powers which need to be increased, all of which is accomplished by education. But this process of development, this "drawing out," is always in a certain direction and for some definite end.

An education, received in surroundings worldly and godless, leads to a worldly and godless life and destiny; whereas, an education obtained where the environment is decidedly moral and religious and the atmosphere spiritual and God-like tends to draw the student toward a moral and spiritual life and destiny. Hence as a church we are interested in the proper education of our children under the best possible Christian influence, to the end that they may be drawn to Christ, qualified for a righteous and useful life in this world, and

prepared for eternal life in the world to come. Our Christian schools are the divinely appointed agencies designed to accomplish this purpose and attain this end.

We also regard our Christian schools as of inestimable worth in the promotion and support of our foreign missionary work. They supply the general board with most of the missionaries, qualified for the blessed work to which God has called them. Also, the societies where our schools are situated are centers of missionary interest and effort and furnish a large percentage of the means raised to support the glorious work. Further, our schools are training scores of young men and women for future usefulness in all the spheres of life, and especially for the Christian ministry and evangelistic work.

The Free Methodist church, early in its history, engaged in this work of establishing Christian schools. It has diligently pursued this course, until at the present time we have one well-equipped college and several seminaries. One of these is our own conference school, Orleans Seminary. All our members in general, and our preachers in particular, should do all in their power to promote its interests and insure its success, by heartily supporting it with their patronage, means, prayers and sympathy.

III.—ON PUBLICATIONS

We, your committee on publications, submit the following report:

The press has a great and growing influence. This influence is used in the interests of both virtue and vice. It is present everywhere. The public school system of our country which offers education to all, brings practically every one within the sphere of this influence. It is necessary to cull the good from the bad. To this end we suggest

1. That good books may be cheap but they are not necessarily good because they are cheap.

2. That irresponsible book agents should be denied our patronage unless the nature of their publications is clearly understood and it is seen to be of a healthy moral tone and free from erroneous religious teaching. Some of our people purchase works advocating Come-outism, Millennial Dawnism, Seventh Day Adventism, and kindred ideas, without knowing what they are buying. A bad book or periodical in our homes is a standing menace to our children, if not to ourselves.

3. No good thing can be said of the Sunday newspaper with its comic supplement.

4. Novel reading is useless and sinful. It creates an appetite for reading matter which serves no good purpose and contributes to no good end. The ideals of fiction are false and real life and homely experiences are rendered tasteless and disagreeable in comparison.

5. The best publication is the Bible.

6. Next to that come those works by approved authors which expound the Scriptures, and enable us to increase in the knowledge and love of God. Notable among these are many of the books in our ministerial course of study.

7. We would also include among the meritorious publications our church paper. It cannot be too highly commended. It is a conservator of our doctrines, a medium of communication between all points of the church, a weekly visitant to the homes of subscribers, always on time, neatly dressed, moderately priced, packed full of spiritual meat, and bringing encouragement and cheer to loyal hearts. It is worthy of the patronage of any man from the standpoint of benefit to the reader.

8. We would endorse our publishing house as being the proper place for Free Methodists to purchase their book supplies as far as possible.

PLATTE RIVER CONFERENCE

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PLATTE RIVER CONFERENCE

ORLEANS, CAMBRIDGE, CENTRAL CITY, ANSLEY, NORTH PLATTE AND BRIDGEPORT DISTRICTS

CHARGE		PREACHER										Conference Claim-Fund										Bishops' Salaries										Conference Missions Claim										Church Extension and Aid Society										Delegates to Gen-eral Conference										Foreign Mission-ary Claims										Woman's Foreign Missionary Soci-eties									
MEMBERS		PROBATIONERS		TOTAL		LOCAL PREACHERS		EVANGELISTS		SUNDAY SCHOOLS		OFFICERS & TEACHERS		SCHOLARS		COPIES OF "FREE METHODIST" TAKEN		CONFERENCE CLAIM-FUND		BISHOPS' SALARIES		CONFERENCE MIS-sions CLAIM		GENERAL MISSIONS CLAIM		CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY		DELEGATES TO GEN-ERAL CONFERENCE		FOREIGN MISSION-ARY CLAIMS		WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCI-ETIES																																																	
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STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PLATTE RIVER CONFERENCE

ORLEANS, CAMBRIDGE, CENTRAL CITY, ANSLEY, NORTH PLATTE AND
BRIDGEPORT DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
ORLEANS DISTRICT												
Orleans.....			\$ 49 55	\$ 4 30	\$ 525 25		\$314 25	\$ 23 00				
Alma and Republican City.....			5 30	1 20	123 05	85	17 75		1	500	1	800
Oxford and Edison.....			26 49	1 95	351 00	80	56 25	11 00	2	2000	1	1000
Beaver City and Precept.....				95	136 00		33 25		1	700		
Atlanta and Holdredge.....				35	16 10		16 35		1	1000		
Minden and Lowell.....			11 00	45	76 25	48	40 55		1	1200		
Bladen and Cowles.....			5 15	90	262 59		46 55	12 80		1200		
CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT												
Bartley, Havana and McCook.....			15 00	1 30	60 00	96	40 60		1	1200		
Cambridge, Earl and Holbrook.....			12 00		92 24	100	40 00		2	2500	1	1200
Wilsonville and Lebanon.....			10 00		225 00	96	27 25				1	800
Curtis and Wellfleet.....			10 00	75	167 13	36	25 90	16 00			1	150
Hayes Center and Culbertson.....	\$ 1 25			75	81 58		29 00					
CENTRAL CITY DISTRICT												
Central City and Polk.....				1 20	272 72	12	55 44		2	2000	2	1600
Belgrade and Fullerton.....			20 00	60	307 22	120	49 25		1	1200	1	800
Albion.....			18 00	35	50 00	120	18 25		1	1200	1	
Horace and Ericson.....				65	214 14	30	36 41	10 00				400
St. Paul and Palmer.....			5 50	65	182 00	120	32 25					1000
Giltner and Hastings.....			20 80	45	170 00	60	38 45		1	500		500
Spalding and Bartlett.....				10	13 50		10 50					
Burwell.....					10 00		15 80					
ANSLEY DISTRICT												
Ansley and Mason City.....			5 00	1 10	225 82	120	46 51	11 75			1	1200
Broken Bow and Merna.....			3 47	55	150 57	50	27 00				1	175
Sargent, Comstock, Walworth.....			6 44	1 20	274 56		47 15					
Litchfield and Loup City.....			25 00	55	207 00		32 00	10 00				
Ravenna and Hazzard.....							15 62		1	1000	1	1000
NORTH PLATTE DISTRICT												
North Platte and Hershey.....				50	77 35		36 50					
Gandy, Lemley and Ringold.....	\$ 3 42			55	109 50	60	33 15	29 00	1	800	1	400
BRIDGEPORT DISTRICT												
Bridgeport and Ickes.....				10	61 56		15 65					
Llewellyn and Hillsdale.....			12 00		2 00		11 05					
Venango and Chase.....			10 00	35	72 35							
Raised at conference or other- wise.....				2 10								
Total.....	\$ 1 25		\$ 270 70	\$ 23 25	\$ 4516 48	1225	\$ 999 00	\$ 123 55	15	\$ 18800 15		\$ 10025

SOUTH AFRICA MISSION CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Fifth Annual Session, held at Fair View Mission Station, Umzumbi (Rail), Natal, South Africa, February 10-16, 1909

OFFICERS

J. W. HALEY, *President*

JULES RYFF, *Secretary*

JULES RYFF, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—J. W. Haley, G. G. Kessel, Robert Ngcobo.

On Reforms—F. Grace Allen, N. B. Ghormley, Ole Kragerud, Robert Ngcobo, Umvakwendhlu Cele.

On Education—J. W. Haley, N. B. Ghormley, Jules Ryff.

On State of the Work—G. G. Kessel, J. W. Haley, Umvakwendhlu Cele.

On Sunday-schools—Lucy A. Hartman, A. M. Anderson, Robert Ngcobo.

On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—A. E. Haley, W. A. Backenstoe, Margaret A. Nickel, Umvakwendhlu Cele.

On Conference Claims—Carroll Smith, F. Grace Allen, Andrew Zondi.

On Collecting Funds to Publish the Minutes—A. E. Haley.

On Publishing the Minutes—Jules Ryff.

On Complimentary Resolutions—Nellie A. Reed, Mrs. Carroll Smith, Mrs. L. A. Agnew, Robert Ngcobo.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—A. E. Haley,

On Examining Quarterly Conference

On Conference Claims—Carroll Smith,

Records—A. M. Anderson,

On Sunday-schools—F. Grace Allen,

On State of the Work—Carroll Smith.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

Jules Ryff, 1910; A. E. Haley, 1911; Carroll Smith, 1912.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

A. E. Haley, 1910; W. S. Woods, 1911; Nellie A. Reed, 1912.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS AND MISSIONARIES

J. P. Brodhead,

A. E. Haley,

A. M. Anderson,

F. Grace Allen,

Mrs. L. A. Agnew,

Mrs. W. A. Backenstoe,

Maggie LaBarr.

J. W. Haley,

Carroll Smith,

N. B. Ghormley,

Lucy A. Hartman,

Ole Kragerud,

Nellie A. Reed,

Jules Ryff,

G. G. Kessel.

W. A. Backenstoe,

Margaret A. Nickel.

Mrs. Carroll Smith.

Mrs. A. E. Haley,

DELEGATES

Robert Ngcobo,
Umvakwendhlu Cele.

Andrew Zondi,

John Mqakaza.

2. Who are the stationing committee? J. W. Haley, Carroll Smith, G. G. Kessel, Lucy A. Hartman, F. Grace Allen.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.
4. Who remain on trial? None.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? Dr. W. A. Backenstoe was, at his own request, discontinued in his relation on trial, and by virtue of his qualifications in the requirements for lay members of the conference, was received as such.
6. Who are the deacons? A. M. Anderson.
- 7-10. None.
11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? N. B. Ghormley, an elder, from the Southern California conference; A. M. Anderson, a deacon, from the South Dakota conference.
- 12, 13. None.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? Have they, during the past year, discharged their duty to God, themselves, and one another? The character of each preacher and missionary present was examined and passed.
15. None.
- 16-19. See statistics of foreign missions.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? This was left to a committee, consisting of the president, the district elders and the secretary.

APPOINTMENTS

INLAND DISTRICT—G. G. KESSEL, District Elder

- Itemba Mission Station, Natal.....A. E. Haley; Matilda D. Haley, Margaret A. Nickel, associates.
Native evangelists: John Ogle, Umvakwendhlu Cele.
- Edwaleni Mission Station, Natal.....To be supplied
Native evangelist: Andrew Zondi.
- Edwaleni Training School, Natal.....N. B. Ghormley, principal; Rachel B. Ghormley, associate; Maggie LaBarr, assistant teacher.
- Ibisi Mission Station, East Griqualand.....To be supplied
Native evangelist: Julias Pabla.
- Greenville Mission Station, Pondoland.....A. M. Anderson; Mary A. Anderson, associate.
Native evangelists: Masala Nyaose; one to be supplied.
- Baleni Mission Station, Pondoland.....To be supplied
Native evangelist: Paul Cele.
- Dr. W. A. Backenstoe and Mary A. Backenstoe, transferred to China; Lucy A. Hartman, on furlough in America, member of the Inland district quarterly conference.

COAST DISTRICT—G. G. KESSEL, District Elder

Fair View Mission Station, Natal....G. G. Kessel; Hattie L. Kessel, Lillie A. Agnew, associates.

Native evangelists: Robert Ngcobo, Mplosa Mqadi.

The Girls' Home.....F. Grace Allen; Nellie A. Reed, associate

J. P. Brodhead and Anna S. Brodhead, on furlough in America, members of the Coast district quarterly conference; G. G. Kessel, member of the Coast district quarterly conference.

INHAMBANE DISTRICT—CARROLL SMITH, District Elder

Roberts' Memorial Mission, Portuguese East Africa....Carroll Smith; Rosa H. Smith, associate.

Native evangelists: Isaiah Mawele, Philip Mbatl, Elias Damau, Tom Hayes, Simone Mawele, Joseph Nganyana, Mrs. Matabele, Frank Makatele, Mosi Kumbanu, Charlie Chibamu, Enoch, Matu Gumani, Jakobe Manalezela, Jim Maluleka, Samson Garini, Paul Ngumani, Thomas Nkumbi, Thomas Magaza, James Machine, Isaiah Shenani, Isaiah Masekwane, Charlie Sigidau, July Tsambo, Benjamin Gwabana, Stefana Nyeketi, Pallidge Ngasanana, Charlie Jose, Isaka Ngumane.

J. W. Haley and Jennie Haley, on furlough in America, members of the Inhambane district quarterly conference; Carroll Smith, member of the Inhambane district quarterly conference.

JOHANNESBURG DISTRICT—CARROLL SMITH, District Elder

Umusa Mission Station, Germiston, Transvaal, Knights Deep, Clydesdale, Rietfontein, Ginsberg and Springs....Jules Ryff; Lilla E. Ryff, Ole Kragerud, associates; one missionary to be supplied.

Native evangelists: Four to be supplied.

MISCELLANEOUS

The fifth session of the South Africa Mission conference was held at Fair View Mission Station, Umzumbi Rail, Natal, February 10-16, 1909. Seven sittings were held. As some of our number were about to return to the homeland on furlough, it was considered best that the conference be held before their departure, therefore the above date was chosen instead of the usual time.

Though conference business is still somewhat strange to our native brethren, yet it was dispatched with grace and in the unity of the Spirit. We rejoice that God was present to help us in the difficult problems peculiar to a mission conference; and at times we were refreshed by showers of blessings.

We enjoyed a short intermission during one of the long sittings, when several of the students from the Girls' Home school gave a recitation in chorus the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah, followed by singing, "Lo, the Golden Fields Are Smiling," in English, in a manner which did credit to both teachers and students.

We thank the Lord for His help and grace, and expect victory through His name.

NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-fourth Annual Session, held at Manton,
Michigan, August 11-14, 1909

OFFICERS

WILLIAM PEARCE, *President*

J. O. HINDES, *Secretary*

W. D. KINGSLEY, *Assistant Secretary*

COMMITTEES

- On Public Worship*—William Pearce, J. E. Sanders, W. H. Bodine, A. G. Hartle, A. A. York.
On Reforms—A. A. York, J. A. Watson, Amos Kinney.
On Sunday-schools—H. D. F. Gaffin, J. A. Phillips, N. McBrian.
On Secret Societies—H. Rose, S. W. Ingalls, A. F. Williams.
On Education—J. E. McDonald, C. L. Lambertson, Dudley Smith.
On Publications—W. D. Kingsley, M. C. Eddy, M. Lawton.
On Temperance—G. W. Kiffer, J. A. Hudnutt, J. C. Smith.
On Raising Funds for Publishing the Minutes—W. A. Caywood.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—M. C. Eddy, J. A. Hudnutt, E. B. Robbins, F. Dow, H. Packard.
To Nominate Conference Committees—The district elders.
Auditing Committee—H. D. F. Gaffin, S. A. Whitmore.
On Ministerial Relations—A. A. York, H. Rose, L. C. Fletcher, Amos Kinney, W. D. Orr, A. F. Williams.
On Conference Claimants and Claims—William Pearce, D. G. Briggs, A. G. Hartle, A. C. Floyd, D. McLachlan.

ADDRESSES

C. L. Lambertson, treasurer, Sparta, Michigan.

D. G. Briggs, railroad secretary, 826 North Union street, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

D. G. Briggs, president; C. L. Lambertson, secretary; J. E. Sanders, treasurer; J. T. Michael, A. Kinney.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. A. Phillips, president, term expires 1911; C. L. Lambertson, secretary, term expires 1910; S. A. Whitmore, term expires 1912.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

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| <i>On Secret Societies</i> —S. W. Ingalls, | <i>On Sunday-schools</i> —A. G. Hartle, |
| <i>On Education</i> —J. E. Sanders, | <i>On Reforms</i> —D. G. Briggs, |
| <i>On Publications</i> —C. L. Lambertson, | <i>On Temperance</i> —J. A. Phillips. |

BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE MANTON CAMP-GROUND

D. G. Briggs, 826 North Union street, Grand Rapids, Michigan; W. H. Bodine, Manton, Michigan; A. G. Hartle, Sand Lake, Michigan; J. E. Sanders,

Belding, Michigan; David Henderson, Manton, Michigan; Donald McLachlan, Evart, Michigan; H. Rose, Manton, Michigan. The term of office for each shall expire in 1910.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions, General Missions; second quarter, Church Extension, Permanent Fund; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Arletta Briggs, 826 North Union street, Grand Rapids, Michigan; first vice-president, Hattie Gaffin, Coopersville, Michigan; second vice-president, Sarah O. Miller, Elm Hall, Michigan; corresponding secretary, May R. Whitmore, Big Rapids, Michigan; recording secretary, Bertha Kiffer, McCarron, Michigan; treasurer, Mertie Francisco, Alma, Michigan.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. R. Cusick,
H. D. F. Gaffin,
D. G. Briggs,
C. L. Lambertson,
S. W. Ingalls,
W. T. Sumner,
F. O. Wyman,
J. E. Sanders,
S. H. Carpenter,
W. H. Switzer,
T. Baynton,
R. E. Raycraft,
A. A. York,
L. C. Fletcher,
G. W. Kiffer,
S. A. Whitmore,
J. O. Hinds,
A. L. Haywood,
F. A. Smith.

W. H. James,
L. T. Jacokes,
C. M. DeFoe,
J. A. Allen,
J. L. Hazeldine,
F. E. Stowell,
E. Thirkettle,
W. B. Huff,
H. Toonder,
C. A. Gallup,
J. N. Bearss,
M. C. Eddy,
T. M. Gallup,
J. E. McDonald,
J. A. Linscott,
H. Rose,
E. B. Robbins,
W. D. Kingsley, Jr.,

G. H. Joslin,
A. G. Hartle,
W. A. Caywood,
B. W. McKibben,
J. A. Hudnutt,
W. H. Bodine,
E. M. Russell,
C. H. Harding,
J. A. Watson,
C. H. Prichard,
E. C. Bigelow,
J. B. Griswold,
G. W. Weldman,
J. A. Phillips,
G. A. McGrath,
C. H. Bartlett,
W. A. Miller,
J. N. Bodine,

DELEGATES

E. D. Hall,
Bertha Hicks,
H. E. Packard,
O. McCammon,
Nelson McBrian,
Dudley Smith,
Hester Freeman,
A. C. Floyd,
E. Bayliss,
Clarence Gates,
Carrie Hall,
Cora Bolton,
Florence Robbins,
Nettie Gerndt,
Lida Lyons,
F. Sieting.

Mertie Francisco,
George Kirby,
Mary Finch,
J. C. Smith,
D. McLachlan,
W. D. Orr,
F. Ingersoll,
Mary Rathburn,
William Ferguson,
C. Austin,
George Collier,
Mantha Clark,
Charles Gallup,
Ella Cope,
M. Lawton,

Fred Dow,
Ellen Gallup,
A. Kinney,
Addie Hadley,
Nettie Simerson,
Martha Hurd,
Annie Randals,
Emma Woodman,
A. F. Williams,
T. A. Johnson,
M. Bigelow,
B. H. Tyrrell,
E. Phelps,
Tena Leach,
Alexander Lawrence,

2. Who are the stationing committee? William Pearce, J. E. Sanders, D. G. Briggs, W. H. Bodine, A. G. Hartle, A. C. Floyd, J. C. Smith, D. McLachlan, N. McBrian.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? B. Hicks, Q. Smith.
4. Who remain on trial? G. W. Cappy, G. H. Akin, O. A. Ide, E. F. Garter, O. A. Kester, W. Feighner, C. G. Miller.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. N. Bodine.
6. Who are the deacons? H. Rose, G. A. McGrath, J. A. Linscott, W. A. Miller, W. D. Kingsley, A. L. Haywood, C. H. Bartlett, T. Baynton, H. Toonder, J. N. Bodine.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? J. O. Hindes, E. B. Robbins.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. L. Hazeldine, J. A. Allen, C. H. Prichard, O. A. Ide, F. O. Wyman, E. M. Russell, W. D. Kingsley, F. A. Smith.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? W. R. Cusick, W. H. James, L. T. Jakokes, G. H. Joslin, E. Thirkettle, F. E. Stowell, B. W. McKibben, S. H. Carpenter, T. Baynton, W. T. Sumner.
11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? F. A. Smith, from the Congregational church.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? W. D. Kingsley, Sr., C. A. Glass.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? J. R. Marston, to the North Indiana conference.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-20. See statistical reports.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? W. R. Cusick, \$150; Minnie Humphreys and children, \$125; Emma Hall and children, \$120; S. H. Carpenter, \$90; B. W. McKibben, \$80; Minerva Snyder, \$80; G. H. Joslin, \$50; Orpha Cope, \$40; L. T. Jakokes, \$40; Maria Kaufman, \$15; Hannah Gilpin, \$20; T. Baynton, \$20; total, \$830.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Manton, Michigan, the time to be as near the second Wednesday in August, 1910, as will suit the convenience of the bishops.

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-fourth annual session of the North Michigan conference was held at Manton, Michigan, August 11-14, 1909. Quite a considerable improvement had been made upon the grounds, and there was an increase of tenters there being two hundred or more tents.

Our newly elected bishop, William Pearce, presided, and it was without an effort on our part that we soon learned to love him for his geniality, deep spirituality and ability. If the wise counsel given, and burning truths which he uttered are heeded by all, it will be a great blessing to our conference.

Rev. B. Winget and wife were with us, which greatly added to the interest of the missionary cause.

W. H. Bodine, J. E. Sanders, A. G. Hartle and H. D. F. Gaffin were elected district elders; later H. D. F. Gaffin, on account of his relations with Greenville college, resigned; and J. A. Watson was elected in his place.

D. G. Briggs was elected railroad secretary.

Many souls were at the altar for pardon or purity during the conference and the camp-meeting which preceded it.

Two were ordained deacons, and two elders, on Sunday. A baptismal service was also held.

J. A. Watson represented the publishing house and reported good sales.

The general missionary board was requested to make the following appropriations: Ensley circuit, \$25; Clare circuit, \$25; Walkerville circuit, \$25; Greenville circuit, \$25.

APPOINTMENTS

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT—A. G. HARTLE, District Elder, Sand Lake, Michigan

Grand Rapids and Zeeland.....	D. G. Briggs, 826 North Union street, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Coopersville.....	S. W. Ingalls, Coopersville, "
Fruitport, County Line and Sullivan...	W. A. Feighner, Coopersville, "
Sparta and Tyrone.....	C. L. Lambertson, Sparta, "
Cedar Springs and Cortland.....	J. A. Hudnutt, Cedar Springs, "
Ravenna and Moorland.....	Theophilus Sharp, supply, Ravenna, "
Bradley, Gregoryville and Gun Lake.....	G. A. Thomas, Luria Thomas, supply, Bradley, "
Coral and Howard City.....	E. F. Garter, Coral, "
Ensley, Town Line and Pine Grove.....	To be supplied
Altona, Rustford and Brady Lake.....	C. G. Miller, Altona, Michigan
Lakeview and Six Lakes.....	J. A. Linscott, Eliza Linscott, supply, Lakeview, "
Yankee Springs and Klinglinsmith schoolhouse.....	E. C. Bigelow

W. R. Cusick, L. T. Jakokes, G. H. Joslin, E. Thirkettle, superannuated; J. R. Marston, granted a certificate of good standing with a view to transfer; H. D. F. Gaffin, field secretary for Greenville college; W. D. Kingsley, super-numerary.

IONIA DISTRICT—J. E. SANDERS, District Elder, Belding, Michigan

Grand Ledge and Eagle.....	A. A. York, Grand Ledge, Michigan
Sunfield and Shaytown.....	J. O. Hindes, Sunfield, "
Morgan, Maple Grove and Castleton.....	O. A. Kester, Morgan, "
Saranac and Berlin.....	Amanda J. Burgess, supply, Saranac, "
Orleans and Belding.....	L. C. Fletcher, Orleans, "
Cedar Creek.....	J. B. Griswold
Clare.....	G. W. Weidman, Clare, Michigan
Mt. Pleasant, Lincoln and Richland...	C. H. Bartlett, Mt. Pleasant, "
Alma and Burns.....	J. A. Phillips, Alma, "
St. Louis, County Line and Gee schoolhouse,	C. H. Harding, St. Louis, "
Elm Hall, Sumner and Sand Ridge.....	W. A. Miller, Sarah O. Miller, supply, Elm Hall, "
Stanton, Westville, Fishville and Evergreen.....	E. B. Robbins, Stanton, "
Greenville and Fenwick.....	C. A. Gallup, Greenville, "

W. H. James, F. E. Stowell, B. W. McKibben, W. T. Sumner, superannuated; J. L. Hazeldine, F. A. Smith, J. A. Allen, supernumerary; C. M. DeFoe, supplying work in the Columbia River conference; R. E. Raycraft, principal

of the A. M. Chesbrough seminary; J. E. McDonald, left without appointment according to paragraph 94 of the Discipline.

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT—J. A. WATSON, District Elder, 811 North Union street, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Big Rapids and River.....
S. A. Whitmore, May R. Whitmore, supply, Big Rapids, Michigan
 Woodville and Barton.....L. Stimson, supply, Parks, "
 Bristol and Ruckle.....H. E. Packard, supply, Luther, "
 Evart and Chippewa, G. A. McGrath, Bertha McGrath, supply, Evart, "
 Fork, Barryton and Titus.....G. H. Akin, Barryton, "
 Rose Lake and Marion.....L. T. Wilson, supply, Leroy, "
 Cadillac.....T. M. Gallup, Cadillac, "
 Weidman and Deerfield.....W. H. Switzer, Weidman, "
 Milbrook and Broomfield.....W. H. Jury, supply, Milbrook, "

S. H. Carpenter, superannuated; C. H. Prichard, O. A. Ide, E. M. Russell, supernumerary; J. A. Watson, member of the Big Rapids district quarterly conference.

LUDINGTON DISTRICT—J. A. WATSON, District Elder

Ludington and Pentwater.....W. A. Caywood, Ludington, Michigan
 Scottsville, Custer and Sugar Grove, J. W. Archer, supply, Scottsville, "
 Walkerville, Elbridge and Hart.....
A. A. Thompson, supply, Walkerville, "
 F. O. Wyman, supernumerary.

TRAVERSE DISTRICT—W. H. BODINE, District Elder, Manton, Michigan

Manton and Greenwood.....H. Rose, Manton, Michigan
 Lake City and Pioneer.....J. N. Bearss, Lake City, "
 Kingsley, Beitner and Traverse City.....A. L. Haywood, Kingsley, "
 Williamsburg, Mable and Island Lake.....F. Baynton, supply
 Lodi and Kalkaska.....G. W. Cappy, Kalkaska, Michigan
 Mancelona and Elmira.....A. Mead, supply, Mancelona, "
 East Jordan and Central Lake.....Quitman Smith, Central Lake, "
 Boyne City.....M. Bigelow, supply, Boyne City, "
 Empire and Lake Ann.....Fitch Huff, supply
 Colfax, Antioch, Mesick and Bencher...M. C. Eddy, Meauwataka, Michigan
 Cherry Grove, Boon and Harrietta.....W. B. Huff, Boon, "

H. Toonder, left without an appointment according to paragraph 94 of Discipline; W. H. Bodine, member of the Traverse district quarterly conference.

SAULT STE. MARIE DISTRICT—W. H. BODINE, District Elder

Sault Ste. Marie and Garden.....
J. N. Bodine, 529 Court street, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan
 Hay Lake.....G. W. Kiffer, McCarron, "
 DafterB. Hicks, Dafter, "
 Drummond IslandTo be supplied

LOCAL DEACONS

R. S. McClain,
 L. J. Hazeldine,
 W. G. Randles,
 F. F. Flewelling,
 E. A. Blodgett,
 A. C. Pratt,
 G. B. Havens,
 F. D. Lyon,

L. T. Wilson,
 W. H. Jury,
 L. M. Orcutt,
 M. McDonald,
 D. McLachlan,
 J. D. Gregory,
 F. W. Smith,
 W. Roush,

L. P. Lawton,
 J. L. Snyder,
 P. White,
 S. W. Lawton,
 J. C. Smith,
 L. Stimson,
 A. W. Johnson,
 O. McCammon.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Eunice Stoddard,
Sophia Durfee,
Ellen Burns,
Bertha McGrath,
Eliza Linscott.

Ella Hoag,
Sarah O. Miller,
Mary J. Finch,
Zilpha C. Winn,

Lora Avery,
Rosetta Allen,
Cora Griswold,
May R. Whitmore,

TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—\$825, of which \$72.15 came from the general fund.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$250.95.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$167.30.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$301.14.

PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$83.65.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Cash and receipts, \$75.65.

CHILDREN'S FUND—Cash and receipts, \$9.58.

PUBLISHING THE MINUTES—\$36.90.

PAID TO OLIVE BRANCH MISSION—Coral circuit, \$25.00.

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF CHILD IN AFRICA—\$15.00.

TREASURER OF THE W. F. M. S. RECEIVED THIS YEAR IN CASH—\$460.00.

NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE RECORD

Session	PLACE	TIME	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
1	St. Johns, Michigan	September 27, 1876	B. T. Roberts	C. S. Gitchell
2	Gaines, "	October 10, 1877	E. P. Hart	"
3	Coopersville, "	October 2, 1878	B. T. Roberts	"
4	Holly, "	September 24, 1879	E. P. Hart	"
5	Gaines, "	September 29, 1880	B. T. Roberts	"
6	Corunna, "	September 28, 1881	E. P. Hart	"
7	Coopersville, "	September 27, 1882	B. T. Roberts	"
8	West Flint, "	September 26, 1883	E. P. Hart	"
9	Orleans, "	September 24, 1884	"	"
10	Cedar Springs, "	September 2, 1885	B. T. Roberts	"
11	Orleans, "	September 22, 1886	E. P. Hart	"
12	Cedar Springs, "	October 12, 1887	B. T. Roberts	F. A. Smith
13	Amble, "	August 22, 1888	E. P. Hart	"
14	"	August 28, 1889	G. W. Coleman	"
15	Lakeview, "	August 27, 1890	B. T. Roberts	"
16	"	August 19, 1891	E. P. Hart	"
17	Sunfield, "	August 17, 1892	G. W. Coleman	"
18	Lincoln, Isabella Co., Michigan	September 13, 1893	"	"
19	Coopersville, "	August 15, 1894	E. P. Hart	"
20	Manton, "	August 14, 1895	G. W. Coleman	"
21	Clarkeville, "	August 12, 1896	B. R. Jones	"
22	Lakeview, "	August 11, 1897	E. P. Hart	C. L. Lambertson
23	Paris, "	August 3, 1898	G. W. Coleman	"
24	Cadillac, "	August 23, 1899	W. A. Sellew	"
25	Lakeview, "	August 22, 1900	B. R. Jones	"
26	Manton, "	September 11, 1901	E. P. Hart	"
27	Coopersville, "	September 17, 1902	G. W. Coleman	"
28	Cadillac, "	August 19, 1903	W. A. Sellew	"
29	Belding, "	August 10, 1904	B. R. Jones	"
30	Cedar Springs, "	August 16, 1905	E. P. Hart	"
31	Manton, "	August 22, 1906	W. T. Hogue	"
32	"	August 21, 1907	W. A. Sellew	"
33	"	August 12, 1908	B. R. Jones	J. O. Hinde
34	"	August 11, 1909	William Pearce	"

CONFERENCE ROLL OF PREACHERS*

Year of Admission into Full Connection	Name	Year of Admission into Full Connection	Name
1869.....	W. R. Cusick,	1895.....	W. H. Switzer,
1870.....	W. H. James,	1897.....	C. A. Gallup,
1875.....	G. H. Joslin,	1897.....	C. H. Prichard,
1880.....	H. D. F. Gaffin,	1898.....	T. Baynton,
1881.....	L. T. Jacokes,	1898.....	J. N. Bearss,
1883.....	A. G. Hartle,	1898.....	E. C. Bigelow,
1884.....	D. G. Briggs,	1899.....	R. E. Raycraft,
1886.....	W. A. Caywood,	1900.....	M. C. Eddy,
1886.....	C. M. DeFoe,	1900.....	J. B. Griswold,
1886.....	C. L. Lambertson,	1900.....	A. A. York,
1890.....	J. A. Allen,	1901.....	T. M. Gallup,
1890.....	S. W. Ingalls,	1901.....	G. W. Weidman,
1890.....	B. W. McKibben,	1902.....	L. C. Fletcher,
1891.....	J. L. Hazeldine,	1903.....	J. E. McDonald,
1892.....	J. A. Hudnutt,	1903.....	J. A. Phillips,
1892.....	W. T. Sumner,	1904.....	G. W. Kiffer,
1893.....	F. E. Stowell,	1905.....	J. A. Linscott,
1893.....	W. H. Bodine,	1905.....	G. A. McGrath,
1893.....	F. O. Wyman,	1906.....	S. A. Whitmore,
1893.....	E. Thirkettle,	1906.....	H. Rose,
1894.....	E. M. Russell,	1907.....	W. A. Miller,
1894.....	J. E. Sanders,	1907.....	C. H. Bartlett,
1894.....	W. B. Huff,	1907.....	J. O. Hindes,
1894.....	C. H. Harding,	1907.....	E. B. Robbins,
1894.....	S. H. Carpenter,	1908.....	A. L. Haywood,
1895.....	H. Toonder,	1908.....	W. D. Kingsley,
1895.....	J. A. Watson,	1909.....	J. N. Bodine,
ON TRIAL			
1905.....	E. F. Garter,	1908.....	O. A. Kester,
1905.....	O. A. Ide,	1908.....	C. G. Miller,
1905.....	G. H. Akin,	1909.....	B. Hicks,
1906.....	G. W. Cappy,	1909.....	Q. Smith.
1908.....	W. A. Feighner,		

* List partially furnished by C. L. Terrill.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON TEMPERANCE

As a church we have always taken our stand firmly with those who have dared to enter the battle against all forms of prevalent evil. and we feel to thank God for the present, world-wide awakening to the fact that the liquor traffic is a monstrous evil; and for many victories daily being won for the temperance cause.

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The saloon is debauching, debasing, and defiling. It effects public order and public health, public morals and public decency. Its history is a history of shame, sin and suffering, of cruelty, crime, and corruption; of disease, death, and damnation. The evils of the saloon can never be exaggerated.

Who can describe the drunkard's home? Who can paint the wife's misery, the widow's woe, the mother's broken heart, and the suffering of orphan children?

In the whole history of this accursed traffic there has not been enough

revenue derived to justify the destruction of *one* home. Who would not feel thus if the home to be destroyed were his own? And yet who can number the happy homes it has blighted, the expectations it has blasted, and the bright hopes it has buried?

We still, as in the past, pledge ourselves, resolutely to oppose this gigantic evil in the home, the social circle and at the ballot-box until our efforts are crowned with the victory of national prohibition.

II.—ON PUBLICATIONS

The land is flooded and our nation cursed with secular, trashy and impure literature, the product of the worldly and carnal mind. Indeed, much of the so-called religious literature partakes so much of worldliness, or presents such a low standard and type of religion, that it would be better were it never written. Nevertheless the truth lives on. * * * * *

We, as a church, are highly favored in being well supplied with a pure, clean and wholesome literature from a publishing house of our own denomination, which, in our opinion, every loyal Free Methodist should patronize according to means and ability.

The Free Methodist is ably edited, and should receive a welcome into every Free Methodist home. A clean-cut salvation paper, it contains experience, valuable contributions by able writers and the representative men of our church, and interesting reports from the different fields, which are inspiring and uplifting. But it is a lamentable fact we may enter many Free Methodist homes, where the secular daily, weekly, and others are found but this precious messenger of truth is left out. "Brethren, these things ought not so to be." "Buy the truth and sell it not." Let us be loyal, consistent, practical Free Methodists. We also recommend *The Missionary Tidings*, devoted to the interests of foreign missionary work, as a paper not only interesting and instructive, but one which cannot fail to inspire the true heart with a real yearning after the lost and perishing, and make them to feel they are their brother's keeper. Also we heartily endorse *The Olive Branch*, the bright, neat little paper which informs us of the great work being done in our home missions. We also urge the use of our own Sunday-school literature, believing that it is carefully prepared; and the periodicals, instead of being filled with light and trashy stories and advertisements, contain reading of a deep moral tone, which will be a powerful factor in turning hearts and minds of the young in the right channels. Neither would we forget to mention the esteemed soul-cheering and inspiring publication, recently taken up by our church, *The Earnest Christian*, in which that essential and fundamental doctrine of our church, "Holiness unto the Lord," and other vital doctrines of the Bible, are clearly set forth, by cleaving to which we are safe-guarded and fortified from the heresies afloat and winds of doctrine which may be blowing from the infernal regions.

We further consider it an important duty of our ministers to push the sale of our books and subscriptions of our papers. Let us as a people cherish and heartily endorse these and all other means God may place within our reach, in order that we may be one in heart, one in Christian love and fellowship, and one for the salvation of the lost.

III.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES

We are taught in the Word of God to be always ready to give a reason for the hope that is within us with fear and meekness. We believe as a church that we should give a good and sufficient reason for the stand we take against secret societies:

1. We believe them wrong from a scriptural standpoint. St. Paul says, "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers;" and again, "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret." Jesus also said, "In secret have I said nothing." Should Christians be like Him? Again it is written, "But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God" (John 3: 21).

We are not here to say that all people are bad who are affiliated with secret societies, yet we do believe and affirm that they can not be justified from a scriptural standpoint.

2. They are wrong in their teachings. We always judge the author by the book he puts out; hence, we take a look at the Masonic ritual. We find the prayers, the ceremonies at the burial of the dead, their admonitions, the good precepts, all point toward God and morality, but Jesus Christ is left out; and He declares, "Without Me ye can do nothing." Again, it is written that "he that hath the Son, hath the Father also, but he that hath not the Son, hath not seen Him, neither known Him."

With all the good that its friends claim for it, the secret society is not a necessity; for every good that the lodge possesses is taken from the church. The prophet asks, "Will a man rob God?" He surely ought not; but should repent and be truly converted, and bring all the tithes into the storehouse of God (not the lodge), and see if He will not pour out such blessings that there will not be room enough to contain them. Walk in all the light of God; have and keep fellowship with the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; love God with all your heart, mind, might and strength, and your neighbor as yourself; and then we will assure you from a blessed experience and the testimony of God and men that your every need that the lodge supplies will be supplied independent of the lodge, and you can stand for every good that it stands for, avoid the awful blood-curdling oaths, and the buffoonery connected with the whole system.

IV.—ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This very important subject demands our careful consideration. The problem which confronts us is the advancement of Christian education among our young people.

The age in which we live necessitates progress in church and commercial interests, and also calls for higher education. We believe that Christian education is one of the fundamental forces in the life of the people. No one can hope for any genuine success who fails to give himself the most complete education. The objective point in education is not the mere acquisition of knowledge: it is, rather, knowledge and power, put to the best possible use, to prepare us for complete living. "Education for character" has been and must continue to be our motto.

It is a matter of rejoicing that our church is increasingly awake to the subject of Christian education. In the world, at this critical time, with its atheistical beliefs and unbiblical doctrines, we must place the chief emphasis on Christian education, where Christ placed it, on character and service, on the culture of the conscience, and heart and will, as well as of brawn and brain. But the work of education is not confined to schools alone: the home and the church are the potent factors in the development of our youth.

Education is threefold: physical, mental, spiritual. All need proper development.

Parents should feel their responsibility in securing for their children the best conditions for mental training that will not interfere with their spiritual life. Some things are necessary on the part of the church to secure the best results. To this end we lament that our public schools do not teach religious education; and as that is the foundation our denominational college and seminaries are built upon, and the end they are working for, we heartily recommend that all who desire to secure an education that will enlarge the mind, broaden the vision and train the faculties for success in the chosen fields of labor, will avail themselves of the splendid opportunities offered by our schools.

We especially recommend Spring Arbor Seminary, with its splendid faculty, as being in our own borders.

The whole theory of education is summed up in the noblest description of liberal education ever given: "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

LUDINGTON, TRAVERSE AND SAULT STE. MARIE DISTRICTS

CHURCH	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offrs & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missions
LUDINGTON DISTRICT																		
D. G. Briggs, District Elder																		
Ludington and Pentwater.....	H. Rose.....	35	15	50	35	1	1	11	40	11	18 00	\$ 7 20	\$ 6 00	\$ 6 00	\$ 4 00	.....	\$ 12 24	.....
Custer, Scottville and Sugar Grove.....	L. H. Harrison, supply.....	67	4	71	82	1	3	22	105	16	31 05	12 42	10 35	10 35	6 90	.....	5 00	.....
Walkerville, Elbridge and Hart.....	L. T. Wilson, supply.....	27	4	31	31	2	1	8	25	8	13 85	5 58	4 65	4 65	3 10	.....	.....	.....
W. H. Bodine, District Elder																		
TRAVERSE DISTRICT																		
Manton and Greenwood.....	A. A. York.....	67	1	68	1	1	2	16	60	14	29 70	11 88	9 90	9 90	6 60	.....	17 63	\$25 00
Lake City and Pioneer.....	T. M. Gallup.....	24	4	28	4	1	4	24	90	5	10 75	4 14	.....	38	2 50	.....	.....	.....
Kingsley, Beltner, Traverse City, Williamsburg and Acme.....	A. L. Haywood.....	50	7	57	8	3	15	70	8	18 00	7 20	7 20	6 00	6 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....
Lodi and Kalkaska.....	F. Huffman, supply.....	26	1	27	1	1	11	34	4	11 70	4 68	3 90	3 90	3 90	2 60	.....	.....	.....
Mancelona and Elmira.....	G. H. Capry.....	28	10	38	1	1	18	64	1	9 00	3 60	3 60	3 00	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....
East Jordan, Central Lake, Boyne, Empire and Lake Ant.....	G. H. Baret, supply.....	17	1	18	3	1	16	35	3	11 25	4 50	3 75	3 75	3 75	2 50	.....	1 50	.....
Collax, Autocoh and Mesick.....	E. F. Garter, Earl Russell, sup..	53	7	60	2	3	17	80	7	18 45	7 38	6 15	6 15	6 15	5 10	.....	2 00	.....
SAULT STE. MARIE DISTRICT																		
W. H. Bodine, District Elder																		
Sault Ste. Marie.....	J. N. Bodine.....	23	3	26	2	1	16	50	5	14 40	5 76	4 80	4 80	4 80	3 30	.....	.....	.....
Hay Lake.....	G. W. Kiffer.....	32	5	37	2	2	9	45	2	13 00	6 40	4 50	4 50	4 50	3 00	.....	1 25	.....
Dafter.....	E. Hicks, supply.....	12	2	14	2	12	40	6	4 60	1 62	.....	.....	1 35	1 35	80	.....	.....	.....
Drummond Island.....	To be supplied.....	6	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....		1672	199	1871	43	12	88	552	2288	355	723 38	\$ 283 86	\$ 233 15	\$ 229 45	\$142 63	.....	\$ 186 97	\$65 35

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

GRAND RAPIDS, IONIA, ISABELLA AND BIG RAPIDS DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT						\$456 00						
Grand Rapids and Seeland.....	\$ 1 75	\$ 75 37	\$ 3 50	\$ 580 00	\$120	43 00	\$ 35 00	1	\$ 2000	1	\$ 1300	
Coopersville and Nunica.....		16 23	1 40	386 00	96	43 00		1	2900	1	1200	
Fruitport, County Line, Sullivan Sparta, Algoma and Tyrone.....		21 63		292 32	24	34 00		1	1200	1	600	
Cedar Springs and Cortland.....		45 32	1 55	236 45	75	43 25	16 90	2	1800	1	800	
Ravenna and Moorland.....	\$ 3 00	43 34	3 40	594 93	60	64 00		2	3500	2	1000	
Bradley, Gregoryville, etc.....		4 92	1 00	230 00	30	24 00		1	800	1	350	
Coral and Howard City.....		18 10		254 63	40	28 00		1	800	1	500	
Ensley, Town Line, Pine Grove.....	1 00	24 63		370 02	36	44 00	6 38	2	3000	1	500	
Altona, Rustford, Brady Lake.....		13 63	.95	151 22	25	20 00		2	1200	1	500	
Lakeview and Six Lakes.....		22 00	2 50	300 00	25	40 00		4	3500	1	260	
Milbrook and Broomfield.....			1 55	204 15	60	40 00		1	500	1	600	
		5 00		143 13	36	14 76		2	800	1	200	
IONIA DISTRICT						498 47						
Grand Ledge and Eagle.....	2 20	140 00	2 25	400 00	120	63 00		3	3500	1	1200	
Sunfield and Shaytown.....		38 00	1 85	273 00	60	52 00		2	2400	1	1000	
Morgan, Maple Grove, Castleton Saranac and Berlin.....		30 70	2 40	398 40	36	52 00	16 50	4	2100	2	2200	
Orleans and Belding.....	2 70	63 00	3 50	480 41	60	63 00	32 75	2	2000	1	1000	
									3600	1	700	
ISABELLA DISTRICT												
Clare.....	6 00	15 00		250 00	84	26 00		1	1200	1	1200	
Mt. Pleasant, Lincoln, Richland Alma and Burns.....		18 46	1 55	160 00	60	34 00		2	1700	1	700	
St. Louis, County Line, etc.....		15 00	2 05	327 38	100	34 00		1	1200	1	1000	
Elm Hall and Summer.....		38 10	1 10	229 65	72	34 00		2	1200	1	700	
Sand Ridge, Fishville, etc.....		25 00	1 60	348 58	36	30 00		2	2500	1	350	
Stanton and Westville.....		11 00		167 00	36	28 00		2	1000			
Greenville and Fenwick.....			60	153 62		18 00		2	800	1	250	
		12 00	1 25	275 50		22 00	6 00	2	2000			
BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT						480 00						
Big Rapids and River.....		27 90	70	288 63	72	36 00		2	1200	1	600	
Woodville and Barton.....		11 58		70 72	24	20 00		1	500	1	200	
Bristol and Ruckle.....		10 81	.90	232 87	36	23 57		2				
Evert and Chippewa.....		64 95	3 50	421 00	60	72 87		1	3400	1	500	
Fork, Barryton and Titus.....		26 52	1 90	287 37	36	34 00		2	1400	1	500	
Rose Lake and Marion.....		50 90	3 00	264 61	25	36 00		2	1600	1	400	
Cadillac.....		21 88	1 10	324 37	100	31 18		1	2500	1	1000	
Cherry Grove and Boon.....		24 12	1 50	168 91	36	28 00	2 36	1	900	1	200	
Harrietta, Yuma and Pomona.....		6 30	40	14 45		16 56	7 10	2				
Weidman and Deerfield.....		13 46		176 76	36	28 00	10 00	2	1450	1	350	
LUDINGTON DISTRICT												
Ludington and Pentwater.....	3 46	43 70	2 00	400 00	100	50 25		1	1800			
Custer, Scottville, Sugar Grove.....		60 00		352 95	84	58 36		2	1600	1	900	
Walkerville, Elbridge and Hart.....	1 22	10 28	1 55	240 58	60	31 00		1	800	1	500	
TRAVERSE DISTRICT						491 93						
Manton and Greenwood.....		50 00	3 30	400 00	100	64 00		2	2000	1	1000	
Lake City and Pioneer.....		20 00	1 15	292 10	48	28 00		1	500	1	200	
Kingsley, Beitner, Traverse City Williamsburg and Acme.....		45 16	2 00	459 65	75	52 00		2	1000	1	700	
Lodi and Kalkaska.....		19 97	22	197 82		45 30		1	1200	1	200	
Mancelona and Elmira.....		21 32	1 00	207 40	40	28 00		1	600	1	200	
East Jordan, Central Lake, etc.....		19 58	1 25	279 12	27	35 92		1		1	300	
Empire and Lake Ann.....		16 07	80	161 47	24	28 71		1	700			
Colfax, Antioch and Mesick.....	62	45 23	2 55	350 00	36	50 00		2	2000	1	750	
SAULT STE. MARIE DISTRICT												
Sault Ste. Marie.....		42 00	1 60	391 71	108	56 00	9 35	2	2000	1	1000	
Hay Lake.....		16 25	1 50	290 00	25	64 00	24 00	1	700	1	1000	
Dafter.....			45	196 12	50	40 00		1	800	1	300	
Drummond Island.....												
Total.....	\$ 4 00	\$21 46	\$1363 15	\$69 17	18390 00	2548	1879 67	\$ 166 34	77	\$ 74950	45	\$28910

WEST KANSAS CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-seventh Annual Session, held at Macks-ville, Kansas, August 18-21, 1909

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*

J. E. OVERHOLT, *Secretary*

C. H. MALIN, *Assistant Secretary*

H. B. SUTTON, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Walter A. Sellow, J. S. Ogg, C. H. Malin, F. R. Vosburgh.
On Sunday-schools—H. B. Sutton, A. J. Lunsford, J. B. Hargadine, Walter Stevens.

On Reforms—J. S. Ogg, A. Helsel, C. W. Long, M. R. Beckett.

On Publications—H. B. Sutton, C. H. Chase, L. A. Griffith.

On Education—J. E. Overholt, John Walton, Sherman Archer.

On Charities—R. C. Selander, C. H. Chase, W. R. Everley.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—A. J. Lunsford, J. B. Hargadine, John Walton.

To Solicit Funds for Publishing the Minutes—Minnie Overholt, Elizabeth Archer.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Ministerial Relations—A. Helsel, A. J. Lunsford, H. B. Sutton, Sherman Archer, M. R. Beckett, W. R. Everley.

On Complimentary Resolutions—A. Helsel, C. H. Chase.

On Nominations—C. H. Malin, C. H. Chase, W. R. Everley.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—Walter A. Sellow, J. S. Ogg, C. H. Malin, W. R. Everley, L. A. Griffith.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

C. H. Malin, president; C. H. Chase; J. E. Overholt, secretary; W. R. Everley, treasurer; J. A. Melrose.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

C. H. Chase, term expires 1914; J. E. Overholt, secretary, term expires 1913; H. B. Sutton, term expires 1912; R. C. Selander, term expires 1911; C. H. Malin, president, term expires 1910.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

C. H. Chase, president; C. H. Malin, secretary; C. W. Long; Sherman Archer, treasurer; W. R. Everley.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—H. B. Sutton, *On Education*—John Walton,

On Charities—A. J. Lunsford, *On Reforms*—C. W. Long,

On Sunday-schools—J. E. Overholt.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions (25 cents), Permanent Fund; second quarter, General Missions, Delegates' Expenses to General Conference, Foreign

Missions, Tracts; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Church Extension Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Anna G. Hill, R. D. 3, Mankato, Kansas; first vice-president, Mrs. Mattie Crawford, Densmore, Kansas; second vice-president, Mrs. Viola Helsel, Pratt, Kansas; recording secretary, Mrs. Lulu A. Higgins, Concordia, Kansas; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Adah M. Archer, Densmore, Kansas; treasurer, Mrs. Gertrude T. Everley, Concordia, Kansas; superintendent of Junior work, Mrs. Josephine Bates, Lebanon, Kansas.

ADDRESSES

Conference treasurer, H. B. Sutton, Mullinville, Kansas.

Conference secretary, J. E. Overholt, Beloit, Kansas.

Conference Sunday-school secretaries, C. H. Malin, Osborne, Kansas; C. H. Chase, Macksville, Kansas.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. S. Ogg,
R. C. Selander,
C. H. Chase,
C. H. Malin,
J. B. Hargadine,
J. E. Overholt,
A. L. Crumley,

G. Delimont,
Charles Mitchell,
A. J. Lunsford,
C. W. Long,
E. P. Robb,
H. B. Sutton,
J. W. Norris,

W. F. Cook,
J. E. Crawford,
J. H. Higgins,
F. R. Vosburgh,
A. Helsel,
John Walton.

DELEGATES

D. G. Miller,
A. F. Hartman,
L. A. Griffith,
W. R. Everley,
Walter Stevens,
J. W. Bell,

Arthur Archer,
H. L. Rule,
Farmer Hoffman,
Mrs. Elizabeth Archer,
Mrs. Minnie Overholt,

M. R. Beckettell,
Sherman Archer,
G. W. Danner,
Mrs. Mary H. Atwell,
C. F. Bowyer.

2. Who are the stationing committee? Walter A. Sellaw, J. S. Ogg, C. H. Malin, W. R. Everley, L. A. Griffith.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Frank Lathrop.

4. Who remain on trial? W. H. Cook, W. E. Keasling.

5. None.

6. Who are the deacons? J. E. Crawford, John Walton, F. R. Vosburgh, J. B. Hargadine, A. J. Lunsford.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? C. W. Long.

8. None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. F. Cook, A. Helsel, J. W. Norris.

10. Who are the superannuated, or worn-out preachers? E. P. Robb, G. Delimont.

11, 12. None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? J. S. Ogg, A. L. Crumley.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
15. Have any died during the year? None.
- 16-20. See statistical report.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? E. P. Robb, \$45.
- 22, 23. None.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? The place of holding is to be fixed by the district elders and the secretary of the conference; the time to be as near the middle of August, 1910, as will be convenient for the bishop who is to preside.

APPOINTMENTS

MANKATO DISTRICT—C. H. MALIN, District Elder, Osborne, Kansas

Mankato.....	A. J. Lunsford, Mankato, Kansas	
Lebanon and White Eagle.....	A. E. Lathrop, supply, Lebanon, "	
Osborne	R. C. Selander, Osborne, "	
Beloit and Glen Elder.....	J. E. Overholt, Beloit, "	
Cuba	J. H. Higgins, Cuba, "	
Concordia.....	Frank Lathrop, 336 West 5th street, Concordia, "	
Lincoln and Wilson.....	Baxter Kier, supply, Lincoln, "	

W. F. Cook, supernumerary, R. D. 2, Box 306, Los Angeles, California;
E. P. Robb, superannuated, 1113 Exchange street, Emporia, Kansas; C. H. Malin, member of the Mankato district quarterly conference.

ALMENA DISTRICT—C. H. MALIN, District Elder

Almena	Cyrus Archer, supply, Almena, Kansas	
Logan and Cactus.....	John Walton, Logan, "	
Densmore and Edmond.....	J. E. Crawford, Densmore, "	
Plainville.....	Albert E. and Alice R. Grothaus, supplies, Plainville, "	
Hill City and Lenora.....	W. H. Cook, Lenora, "	
Winona and Russells Springs.....	Arthur Archer, supply, Russells Springs, "	
.....	G. Delimont, superannuated, Long Island, Kansas.	

MACKSVILLE DISTRICT—C. H. CHASE, District Elder, Macksville, Kansas

Macksville and St. John.....	F. R. Vosburgh, Macksville, Kansas	
Great Bend.....	To be supplied	
Eden Valley and Pratt.....	C. W. Long, R. D. 1, Iuka, Kansas	
Kingman and Cleveland.....	Charles Mitchell, Kingman, "	
Mound Center and Sharon.....	J. B. Hargadine, Kiowa, "	
Trotter and Red Mound schoolhouses.....	Anna R. Turner, supply, R. D. 1, Lewis, "	

A. Helsel, supernumerary, Pratt, Kansas; J. S. Ogg, given certificate of good standing with a view to transferring to the Kansas conference; C. H. Chase, member of the Macksville district quarterly conference.

NESS CITY DISTRICT—C. H. CHASE, District Elder

Beeler.....J. A. Holtzelaw, supply, Beeler, Kansas
 Leoti.....To be supplied
 Mertilla and Santa Fe.....W. E. Keasling, Mertilla, Kansas
 Mullinsville and Sodville.....H. B. Sutton, Mullinville, "

J. W. Norris, supernumerary, Santa Fe, Kansas; A. L. Crumley, given certificate of good standing with a view to transferring to the Kansas conference.

ORDAINED LOCAL ELDERS

E. P. Van Vranken....Pratt, Kansas J. M. Young.....Almena, Kansas
 Cyrus ArcherAlmena, " B. F. Closson.....Rago, "

ORDAINED LOCAL DEACONS

W. E. Keener.....Sharon, Kansas D. N. Bowers.....Toluca, Kansas
 H. Lovette.....Mullinville, Kansas

LOCAL PREACHERS

Evan JamesOsborne, Kansas A. Sweet.....Cawker City, Kansas
 G. F. Snow.....Almena, " T. F. Forbes, R. D. 1, Prairie View,
 Sherman Archer, R. D. 3, Logan, Kan- Kansas
 sas Frank McGrawGill, Kansas
 A. E. Grothaus...Plainville, Kansas Arthur Archer, Russells Springs, Kan-
 sas William WardIuka, " sas
 T. KingsolverSharon, " A. E. Lathrop.....Lebanon, Kansas
 Baxter KierLincoln, " E. R. Grout.....Concordia, "

ANNUAL CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Anna R. Turner, R. D. 1, Lewis, Anna G. Hill, R. D. 3, Mankato, Kan-
 Kansas sas
 Mrs. Josephia Hill, Cawker City, Kan- Mrs. Alice R. Grothaus, Plainville,
 sas Kansas
 Salina Delimont, Long Island, Kan- Mrs. Viola Helsel.....Pratt, Kansas
 sas

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Lorinda Baer...Wilson, Kansas Mrs. Josephine Bates, Lebanon, Kan-
 Mrs. Carrie Bowers...Toluca, " sas
 Mrs. Mary S. Stone, Mankato, " Mrs. Janie Patton...Norton, Kansas

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-seventh annual session of the West Kansas conference was held in Macksville, Kansas, August 18-21, 1909. The spirit of love and unity prevailed in every sitting.

Bishop and Mrs. Sellew were made a great blessing and a source of much encouragement to us. The bishop's exhortations and admonitions were very timely and inspiring.

The past year has been one of much trial and discouragement, and the reports show a loss of three members and twenty-five probationers.

The appointments were generally well received and the preachers go forth

determined by the help of God to make this a year of victory and soul-ingathering.

The visiting brethren were J. S. Cornish and J. W. McIrvin, of the Oklahoma conference; and J. Q. Turner, pastor of the local society of the Methodist Episcopal church.

The district elders were made Sunday-school secretaries for their respective districts.

At the fourth sitting a special season of prayer was held for R. C. Selander, whose illness prevented his attendance at this session. After prayer a collection of \$22.05 was taken for his benefit. By a rising vote of thanks the conference expressed their appreciation of the labors of J. S. Ogg, who for nearly twenty years has been one of our number, but who is now transferring to the Kansas conference.

Bishop and Mrs. Sellew gave an interesting account of their missionary tour around the world at the Sunday afternoon missionary services. A collection of \$110.78 cash and \$148 subscriptions was taken for foreign missions. The W. F. M. S. raised \$748.86 during the year. A special collection was taken Sunday morning to meet the deficiency in the conference collections. A sum equal to twenty-five cents per member was voted for conference missions.

A number were saved and sanctified in the religious services and several united with the church. The usual complimentary resolutions were adopted.

The conference petitioned the general missionary board for the following appropriations: To the elder on the Ness City district, \$50; to the Mertilla and Santa Fe circuit, \$50; to the Beeler circuit, \$25; to the Plainville circuit, \$15; to the Cuba circuit, \$15.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed, \$92.85; paid, \$92.85.

PERMANENT FUND—Assessed, \$30.95; paid, \$30.60; deficit, 35 cents.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed, \$111.42; paid, \$110.85; deficit, 57 cents.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed, \$61.90; paid, \$58.60; deficit, \$3.30.

CLAIMANTS' FUND—Assessed, \$278.55; paid, \$258.97; deficit, \$19.58.

ORLEANS COLLEGE FUND—Assessed, \$92.85; paid, \$76.19; deficit, \$16.66.

Total assessed, \$668.52; paid, \$628.06; deficit, \$40.46.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—\$154.50.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$91.70.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$1.00.

CHILDREN'S FUND—\$27.37.

RAISED FOR PUBLISHING THE MINUTES—\$22.95.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

Webster says, "Sunday-school is a school for the religious instruction of the children on the Lord's day." The first responsibility rests on the parent. Timothy's mother instructed him in the Scriptures when he was a child, which resulted in his salvation, and useful life in the service of God.

Do we as a church realize as we should the great importance of the early training of our children in the vital principles for which they should strive in life—the salvation of their souls and a life devoted to God? It is said that a pine tree is worth ten dollars a ton; cut and stripped, fifteen dollars; boiled into pulp, forty dollars; bleached, fifty-five dollars; turned into viscous, and spun into silk, five thousand five hundred dollars. The cradle is but the marked line in the arena of life along which the emerging child must pursue its way. The longer the run the rarer the prize; so the child through the Sunday-school brought to God will increase in moral value as it develops into manhood or womanhood, and in the graces of the Spirit.

How important, then, that we make our Sunday-school all that is possible

through grace. Much depends on the superintendent being a person of faith and energy and love for the children. There is a lack of promptness among us that should stir our hearts to greater diligence and enable us to arise in Jesus' name and be at our place on time. Do we as parents of Free Methodist children believe as we should the awful dangers they are exposed to from the allurements by which they are surrounded? If so, we should use every possible means consistent with God's will to bring them under such hallowed influences as to result in their conversion early in life. "It is said there are balances so delicate that paper of equal weight placed on them and your name written on one will break the balance." So there is a stage in the child's life so delicate that the smallest impression will decide the destiny of the child. Hence we should keep pure, wholesome literature in our Sunday-schools, such as are put out by our publishing house.

We note with gratitude to God the efforts put forth the last year by our Sunday-school secretary for the betterment of our schools; and still there is room for advancement all along the line in our Sunday-school work. May grace and wisdom be given us to meet the demands.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST KANSAS CONFERENCE

MANKATO, ALMENA, MACKSVILLE AND NESS CITY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
MANKATO DISTRICT												
Mankato.....			\$ 28 27	\$ 1 30	\$ 300 00	\$ 72	\$ 61 55	\$ 41 00	1	1000	1	\$ 800
Lebanon and White Eagle.....			66 01	2 10	470 00	80	70 00	149 68	2	4500	1	1000
Osborne.....			13 60	2 15	350 00	75	50 50		1	1300	1	1200
Be'oit.....		\$ 4 00	25 00	85	200 00		42 58	35 05	1	3500	1	1000
Glen Elder.....	\$ 50	5 50	14 75	1 45	322 00	72	37 61	61 40	1	900	1	800
Cuba.....				40	59 00		20 00		1	1000	1	500
Concordia and Liberty Chapel.....			12 14	1 05	325 00	120	60 44	58 39	1	1800	1	1260
Lincoln and Wilson.....			21 95	1 55	328 44	96	50 12	43 09	1	1000	2	1500
ALMENA DISTRICT												
Almena.....		3 80	20 10	1 75	234 79	48	85 56	13 64	1	1000	1	500
Logan and Densmore.....		4 44	87 30	3 60	472 04	120	96 43	43 97	2	2500	1	1800
Plainville.....				66	243 00	96	32 66	78 17			1	750
Hill City and Lenora.....				1 00	211 33	77	27 29	11 05			1	900
MACKSVILLE DISTRICT												
Macksville and St. John.....	1 00	50	30 00	2 55	528 88	96	61 39	49 83	2	2200	1	1700
Great Bend.....							22 00					
Eden Valley and Pratt.....	2 00		39 00	2 25	500 00	72	70 86	24 82	1	1000	1	800
Kingman and Cleveland.....				45	75 00	72	12 84				1	900
Mound Center and Sharon.....		4 14	38 40	1 65	476 00	72	55 00	135 50	1	1200	1	600
Trotter and Red Mound S. H's.....	3 00	5 41	16 05	55	137 04		43 00	22 69				
NESS CITY DISTRICT												
Beeler and Hodgeman.....				1 80	106 93	72	26 29	38 21			1	800
Leoti and Page.....			5 00	1 10	57 53		42 85	5 00	1	1000		
Santa Fe, Arkalon, Mertilla.....				74	69 00		13 16					
Mullinville, Bethany, Sodville.....	3 00		18 14	1 75	426 13	100	65 52	65 62	3	3000	2	1500
Raised at conference.....				35								
Total.....	\$ 4 50	\$32 79	\$ 435 71	\$30 95	\$5491 16	1240	1047 65	\$ 877 11 20	\$	26300	20	\$18250

Orleans College Fund, \$92.85.

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MANKATO, ALMENA, MACKSVILLE AND NESS CITY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies	
MANKATO DISTRICT	C. H. Malin, District Elder	27	27	27	21	1	8	52	7	\$11.70	\$4.68	\$6.50	\$3.90	\$2.60			\$28.75	
	A. J. Lunsford	49	10	59	31	2	20	133	10	18.00	7.50	10.50	6.30	4.20		\$39.00	\$34.00	
	A. E. Lathrop, supply	37	11	48	27	1	7	385	9	19.35	7.74	10.70	6.46	4.30		\$35.00	\$20.65	
	K. C. Osborne	24	16	40	34	1	8	33	7	6.65	3.06	5.00	2.55	1.70		\$1.61	\$7.00	
	Beloit	25	1	26	1	1	6	35	5	13.05	5.22	7.26	2.85	2.90			\$23.00	
	J. F. Overholt	8	8	16	8	1	1	5	4	3.44	1.46	2.00	3.15	3.20		\$2.60	\$24.21	
	Archie Anderson, supply	17	2	19	1	1	5	27	9	9.45	3.96	5.20	3.15	3.20		\$1.85	\$10.50	
	Cuba	27	27	54	27	1	4	20	6	13.95	5.68	7.75	4.65	3.10				
	Concordia and Liberty Chapel																	
	Lincoln and Wilson																	
ALMENA DISTRICT	C. H. Malin, District Elder	42	11	53	3	1	7	40	8	15.75	6.30	8.75	5.25	3.50			\$65.12	
	Almena	27	11	38	21	3	21	125	3	32.40	12.96	18.00	10.80	7.20		\$25.00	\$50.00	
	Logan and Deansmore	11	3	14	1	1	3	5	3	5.94	3.60	5.60	3.00	2.00		\$1.20	\$11.00	
	Piapiaville	15	1	16														
	Hill City and Lenora																	
MACESVILLE DISTRICT	J. S. Ogg, District Elder	44	3	47	2	16	50	18	22	25	9.18	12.75	7.65	5.10		\$4.65	\$66.63	
	MacKeville and St. John	4	4	8	4	2	13	70	10	20.25	8.10	11.25	6.75	4.50		\$11.00	\$50.33	
	J. S. Ogg	40	2	42	1	2	13	70	10	20.25	8.10	11.25	6.75	4.50		\$11.00	\$50.33	
	Great Valley and Pratt	9	9	18	9	1	15	70	3	14.85	5.95	8.25	4.95	3.30		\$2.14	\$37.11	
	Kennan and Oleyland	30	10	40	1	1	11	31	3	4.95	1.95	2.75	1.65	1.10		\$10.00	\$8.80	
	Charles Mitchell	14	14	28	14	1	11	31	3	4.95	1.95	2.75	1.65	1.10		\$10.00	\$8.80	
	Moond Center and Sharon																	
	Anna R. Turner, supply																	
	Trotter and Red Mound S. Houses																	
NESS CITY DISTRICT	J. S. Ogg, District Elder	30	5	35	2	10	24	2	7	16.20	6.48	9.00	5.40	3.60		\$5.00	\$11.24	
	Beeler and Hodgeman	26	7	33	2	10	24	2	7	16.20	6.48	9.00	5.40	3.60		\$5.00	\$11.24	
	Leoti and Page	29	29	58	29	1	6	54	10	15.75	6.30	8.75	5.25	3.50		\$6.15	\$9.09	
	Santa Fe, Arkaton and Merrill	34	34	68	34	1	6	54	10	15.75	6.30	8.75	5.25	3.50		\$6.15	\$110.78	
	Mullinville, Bedbury and Sodville																	
	Raised at conference																	
Total		616	96	686	16	12	24	166	799	167	\$278.55	\$111.42	\$154.50	\$92.85	\$61.90		\$145.20	\$577.80

NEBRASKA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twentieth Annual Session, held at Lincoln,
Nebraska, August 18-21, 1909

OFFICERS

BURTON R. JONES, *President*

A. S. McCLURE, *Secretary*

W. T. CRAFT, *Assistant Secretary*

BESSIE ANDRESS, *Statistical Secretary*

MINNIE A. BEERS, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Burton R. Jones, W. M. Adams, E. E. Hatfield.

On Publications—W. M. Adams, E. E. Hatfield, M. Hartsock.

On Education—E. E. Hatfield, T. M. Wright, H. Allgor, W. T. Craft, Sidney Mills.

On Reforms—T. B. Wilson, T. M. Wright, A. S. McClure.

On Sunday-schools—A. S. McClure, F. M. Taylor, A. Amspoker.

On State of the Work—W. M. Adams, E. E. Hatfield, Thomas Brewer.

On Missions—The stationing committee.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—Burton R. Jones, W. M. Adams, E. E. Hatfield, T. M. Wright, W. T. Craft.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—W. M. Adams, Minnie A. Beers, Maude McClure.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—Joseph L. Riley.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Memoirs—W. M. Adams, E. E. Hatfield, T. W. Rutledge.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. M. Adams, E. E. Hatfield, T. M. Wright, William McElfresh, W. T. Craft.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

E. E. Hatfield, president, term expires 1910; W. M. Adams, secretary, term expires 1911; A. S. McClure, term expires 1912.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION

W. M. Adams, E. E. Hatfield, William McElfresh, K. W. Gillispie, Thomas Brewer.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

T. B. Wilson, E. E. Hatfield, E. J. Phillips, term expires 1910; William McElfresh, W. M. Adams, term expires 1911; T. M. Wright, A. S. McClure, term expires 1912.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—A. S. McClure,

On Publications—William McElfresh,

On Sunday-schools—T. B. Wilson,

On Reforms—Joseph Riley.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions, Church Extension; second quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Permanent Fund; third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; fourth quarter, Home Missions (25 cents).

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Minnie A. Beers, president, Concord, Nebraska; Bessie Andress, vice-president, 2005 South 8th street, Omaha, Nebraska; Maude McClure, recording secretary, Mullen, South Dakota; Agnes Covey, corresponding secretary, 1043 North 28th street, Lincoln, Nebraska; Margaret Allgor, treasurer, Butte, Nebraska.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

Sidney Mills,
O. L. Barnes,
F. J. Atkinson,
L. M. Poff,
C. E. Carter,

L. E. Barnes,
J. A. Finch,
H. Allgor,
T. B. Wilson,
William McElfresh,

E. E. Hatfield,
A. S. McClure,
T. W. Rutledge,
W. M. Adams,
J. L. Riley.

DELEGATES

E. J. Phillips,
Anna Timm,
Maude McClure,
K. W. Gillisple,
W. S. Berry,
T. M. Wright,
E. W. Bline.

E. M. Coffee,
Ed Ingraham,
W. S. Johnson,
W. T. Craft,
Aetha Woolhiser,
Mina Flippo,

Thomas Brewer,
A. Mills,
F. M. Taylor,
M. Hartsock,
Sister Birch,
Jessie Wilson,

2. Who are the stationing committee? Burton R. Jones, W. M. Adams, E. E. Hatfield, T. M. Wright, W. T. Craft.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Walter W. Whyte, Albert T. Edwards.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? William McElfresh, J. L. Riley.

4. None.

6. Who are the deacons? F. J. Atkinson, Henry Allgor, T. W. Rutledge, William McElfresh, J. L. Riley.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have been located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? O. L. Barnes.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? Sidney Mills, J. A. Finch, F. J. Atkinson.

11, 12. None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? H. C. Williams, with a view of transferring to the Kansas conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. Who have died this year? Edward Graham Durham.

16-23. See statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Ewing, Nebraska, as near the third week in August, 1910, as will suit the convenience of the bishops.

APPOINTMENTS

LINCOLN DISTRICT—E. E. HATFIELD, District Elder, 125 South 31st street, Lincoln, Nebraska

Lincoln.....	William McElfresh, 402 South 25th street, Lincoln, Nebraska	
Yutan and Bethel.....	T. W. Rutledge, Yutan,	"
Ceresco and Mt. Carmel.....	T. B. Wilson, Ceresco,	"
Nebraska City and Minersville...	Albert T. Edwards, Nebraska City,	"
Wymore.....	W. M. Murdock, supply, Wymore,	"

O. L. Barnes, supernumerary; E. E. Hatfield, member of the Lincoln district quarterly conference.

OMAHA DISTRICT—E. E. HATFIELD, District Elder

Omaha.....	J. L. Riley, 2005 South 8th street, Omaha, Nebraska	
LaPlatte	To be supplied	
Louisville	A. Amspoker, supply	
Blair and Tyson schoolhouse.....	D. T. McClure, Blair, Nebraska	
Fremont	To be supplied	

L. M. Poff, left without appointment according to paragraph 94 of Discipline.

BUTTE DISTRICT—W. M. ADAMS, District Elder, Ainsworth, Nebraska

Butte.....	Fred Miller, supply, Butte, Nebraska	
Mt. Zion and Bonesteel.....	Walter Whyte, Bonesteel,	"
Lynch and Bristow.....	A. J. and Rosa Everetts, supplies, Lynch,	"
South Side and Duston.....	Henry Allgor, Butte,	"
Prairie Home.....	A. S. McClure, Mullen, South Dakota	
Gregory	L. E. Barnes, Gregory,	"
Ainsworth and Maeblo.....	To be supplied	
Huffman.....	E. E. Dillon, supply, Huffman, Nebraska	
Mills and Kirkwood.....	H. D. Green, supply, Mills,	"
Johnstown	To be supplied	

Sidney Mills, J. A. Finch, F. J. Atkinson, superannuated; C. E. Carter, left without appointment according to paragraph 94 of the Discipline; W. M. Adams, member of the Butte district quarterly conference.

NORFOLK DISTRICT—W. M. ADAMS, District Elder

Norfolk and Birch.....	E. P. Howery, supply, Pierce, R. R. 2, Nebraska	
Fairview and Riverside.....	Mary E. Stafford, supply, Ewing,	"
Swan	To be supplied	
Chambers and Lone Tree.....	P. E. Fisher, supply	

H. C. Williams, given a certificate of good standing in view of transferring to the Kansas conference.

NEBRASKA CONFERENCE RECORD

Session	PLACE	TIME	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	DIST. ELDERS
1	Yutan, Nebraska	August 14, 1890...	G. W. Coleman	B.F.Summers	W. W. Harris
2	Yutan, "	September 2, 1891...	B. T. Roberts	A. Stedwell	W. M. Adams
3	Wymore, "	August 24, 1892...	E. P. Hart	E. Ballenger	W. W. Harris
4	South Omaha, "	August 16, 1893...	G. W. Coleman	"	W. M. Adams
5	Lincoln, "	August 8, 1894...	W. T. Hogue	"	W. W. Harris
6	Yutan, "	August 22, 1895...	E. P. Hart	"	W. M. Adams
7	Elk City, "	August 26, 1896...	G. W. Coleman	W. M. Adams	W. W. Harris
8	Yutan, "	August 18, 1897...	B. R. Jones	"	W. E. Stuart
9	" "	August 17, 1898...	E. P. Hart	"	W. E. Stuart
10	Norfolk Jct., "	September 6, 1899...	G. W. Coleman	O. L. Barnes	E. Ballenger
11	Blair, "	August 22, 1900...	W. A. Sellew	"	W. M. Adams
12	Oakdale, "	August 28, 1901...	B. R. Jones	"	E. Ballenger
13	Fremont, "	August 27, 1902...	E. P. Hart	"	Sidney Mills
14	Yutan, "	August 19, 1903...	W. T. Hogue	"	E. Ballenger
15	Butte, "	August 17, 1904...	W. A. Sellew	"	J. A. Finch
16	Lincoln, "	August 9, 1905...	B. R. Jones	"	W. W. Bruce
17	Mead'w Gr've "	August 15, 1906...	B. Winget	"	E. Ballenger
18	Blair "	August 14, 1907...	W. B. Olmstead	"	W. W. Bruce
19	Butte, "	August 12, 1908...	W. A. Sellew	"	J. A. Finch
20	Lincoln, "	August 18, 1909...	B. R. Jones	A. S. McClure	W. W. Bruce

NOTE.—The first named Elder of each year served the southern districts. The last named served the northern districts.

LOCAL PREACHERS

Charles Kirkland (local elder), Atkinson, Nebraska E. E. Dillon.....Huffman, Nebraska
 A. Amspoker (local elder), Lincoln, Nebraska J. V. Parks.....Lincoln, "
 H. D. Green (local deacon), Mills, Nebraska H. HadenFremont, "
 H. D. Green (local deacon), Mills, Nebraska

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Cynthia M. Rutledge. Miss Minnie A. Beers.
 L. Foreman, A. J. Everetts,
 Rosa Everetts.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Grace Hartsock,
Mrs. Margaret Allgor,
W. S. Berry.

Mrs. Mary E. Stafford,
R. H. Francis,
Hattie Kerr.

MISCELLANEOUS

There were five sittings of the conference. Bishop Burton R. Jones presided with much grace and ability. His preaching and addresses were inspiring to all who heard him.

Miss Lucy A. Hartman, returned missionary from Africa, gave an interesting missionary talk on Sunday afternoon, and an offering of one hundred fifty-three dollars in cash and subscriptions was received.

William McElfresh was elected conference treasurer, to whom all conference collections should be sent. His address is 402 South 25th street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

William McElfresh, J. L. Riley and H. D. Green were ordained deacons Sunday morning.

J. L. Dodge, principal of the Orleans seminary, was present in the interest of that school.

A. S. McClure was elected Sunday-school secretary. His address is Mullen, South Dakota.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—Apportioned and paid, \$57.45.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Apportioned and paid, \$38.30.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Apportioned and paid, \$68.94.

PERMANENT FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$19.15.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$172.35.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Apportioned and paid, \$95.65.

CHILDREN'S FUND—Paid, \$10.62.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Paid, \$7.00.

MINNIE A. BEERS, Treasurer.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON MEMOIRS

A beloved brother has been called from earth's activities to heaven's glories. Edward Graham Durham was born in Davenport, New York, September 10, 1835, and died at Elgin, Nebraska, June 12, 1909. He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal church in 1885, and by it licensed. Later he united with the United Brethren church and conference, and in 1887 was ordained elder. He united with the Free Methodist church and this conference, and his ordination was recognized in 1897. He served several appointments, but circumstances hindered him from continuing in an active relation in the conference. As a local elder he was frequently called upon and did efficient work. His health having been poor for some time his last illness did not at first excite alarm. The complications becoming serious, he was removed to the residence of his son, W. E. Durham, where after intense suffering, he peacefully passed into his eternal rest. He was firm in his adherence to conviction of truth, positive in his detection of error, charitable in his decisions affecting his brethren, and kindly in his association with all. As expressed by a large number, "A good man has gone." We assure his surviving partner of our sincere sympathy and our confidence that she is in possession of the consolation of the companionship of our Elder Brother, and an assurance of an eternal reunion.

II.—ON EDUCATION

The subject of education should be of great interest to all. The design in the mind of the Creator was that the faculties of the mind should be developed and used to the glory of God. An education that has lifted this world from the plane of superstition and ignorance up to the realm of light and understanding should be encouraged. Thinking, not growth, makes manhood. Every deep solid thought strengthens the tension of mind that creates other and more powerful thoughts. Our ability to glorify God and benefit our fellow-men depends largely on our education.

The great end of education is to prepare man to fulfil the purposes of human existence. The Bible should be our text-book. Our Free Methodist paper should be in every home, and this should be urged by our ministers throughout our work. Plenty of good books which our publishing house affords should fill our libraries and center tables.

We earnestly advise our people to patronize our Christian schools for the education of their children or themselves. Among these schools we call attention to Orleans seminary. This institution is not only a place where intellectual knowledge is imparted, but where Bible truths are taught and Christian character formed. We feel the necessity of our schools being spiritual centers. We pray God to ever keep them from compromise and worldliness, and to keep them such that the old-time power may rest upon them one and all.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA CONFERENCE

LINCOLN, OMAHA, BUTTE AND NORFOLK DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceives	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceives	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
LINCOLN DISTRICT												
Lincoln.....			\$ 28 33	\$ 1 95	\$ 390 00	\$144	\$107 75	\$ 25 00	1	\$ 2200	1	\$ 1550
Yutan and Bethel.....	\$ 85	\$ 1 00	14 00		337 50	88	66 05		2	2000	1	2000
Ceresco and Mt. Carmel.....			19 55	55	252 00	72	98 00	52 00	1	1000	1	700
Nebraska City and Minersville.....			22 78		157 32		22 13		2	1500	1	500
Wymore.....			17 96	1 00	123 25	55	41 57	32 80	1	1000	1	500
York.....				10			18 50					
OMAHA DISTRICT												
Omaha.....			44 17	1 15	191 11		58 39	10 00	1	1000	1	600
La Platte.....			30 50	25			39 79		1	1000		
Louisville.....			12 81	1 10	200 80		50 92		1	1000	1	700
Hair.....			8 31	2 40	386 81	84	55 73	24 10	1	1000	1	800
Freemont.....			24 11	55	11 35		25 17	5 00	1	1000		
BUTTE DISTRICT												
Butte.....		1 32	9 80	1 30	240 49	60	49 08	73 34	1	1000	1	500
Bonesteel and Mt. Zion.....		3 28	12 20	80	112 00		83 87	28 00	2	2000	1	300
Lynch.....				60	97 72		34 15	22 33	1	800	1	500
South Side.....		5 35	13 90		101 63		29 90					
Ainsworth and Maeblo.....				40			22 00		1	700		
Mills and Kirkwood.....			18 00		275 00		49 80	82 00	1	500	1	200
Prairie Home.....		4 06	24 00	35	36 00		27 55	8 30				
Gregory.....		60	16 00	65	210 00		53 65	5 77	1	2000		
NORFOLK DISTRICT												
Birch and Norfolk.....			6 00	15	147 52	75	22 27	5 93			1	500
Fairview, Riverside and Ewing.....			6 00	1 40	382 09	15	75 85	93 78	1	300		
Total.....	\$ 85	\$15 51	\$ 382 32	\$15 60	\$3652 59	\$593	1022 12	\$ 468 35	20	\$ 20000	13	\$ 9300

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA CONFERENCE

LINCOLN, OMAHA, BUTTE AND NORFOLK DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions Claims	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claims	Woman's Society	
LINCOLN DISTRICT	E. E. Hatfield, District Elder																	
	Lincoln.....	45	2	47	1	1	8	40	10	17 55	7 02	9 75	3 85	3 90	.....	.....	\$ 37 25
	Yutan and Bethel.....	15	.....	15	2	.....	7	25	9	7 63	3 06	4 25	2 55	1 70	.....	.....	4 00
	Ceresco and Mt. Carmel.....	9	.....	9	1	.....	4	24	4	4 95	1 98	2 75	1 05	1 10	.....	.....	.....
	Nebraska City and Minersville.....	22	1	23	2	1	7	25	6	19 00	3 60	5 00	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....
	Wymore.....	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	90	36	50	30	20	.....	.....	.....
	E. E. Hatfield, District Elder																	
OMAHA DISTRICT	E. E. Hatfield, District Elder																	
	Omaha.....	27	1	28	1	1	5	35	5	10 35	4 14	5 75	3 45	2 30	.....	.....	.....
	La Platte.....	7	.....	7	1	.....	4	30	2	2 25	60	1 25	75	50	.....	.....	.....
	Louisville.....	20	.....	20	1	1	5	20	6	8 60	3 85	3 25	3 80	2 40	.....	4 00	7 00
	Blair.....	23	2	25	1	1	7	35	4	4 95	1 98	2 75	1 65	1 10	.....	.....	.....
	Freemont.....	12	6	18	1	1	7	35	4	4 95	1 98	2 75	1 65	1 10	.....	.....	.....
	F. E. Miller.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
BUTTE DISTRICT	W. M. Adams, District Elder																	
	Butte.....	19	8	27	1	1	8	24	7	11 70	4 68	6 50	8 90	2 60	.....	10 00	.....
	Bonesteel and Mt. Zion.....	13	.....	13	1	1	5	20	6	7 20	2 88	3 00	2 40	1 60	.....	.....	.....
	D. T. McClure.....	15	1	16	1	1	6	19	6	5 40	3 60	5 00	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....
	A. J. and Rosa Everts, supplies	18	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	W. M. Adams.....	17	.....	17	1	1	11	60	6	8 10	3 34	25	2 70	1 80	.....	.....	.....
	Ansforth and Maeblo.....	22	48	70	1	1	9	44	2	3 15	1 20	1 75	1 05	70	.....	2 00	10 60
NORFOLK DISTRICT	H. D. Green.....	9	8	17	2	1	6	36	5	5 85	2 84	3 25	1 95	1 30	.....	.....	.....
	A. S. McClure.....	18	1	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Minnie A. Beers, supply.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	W. M. Adams, District Elder																	
	Birch and Norfolk.....	6	.....	6	.....	.....	3	14	4	1 80	36	1 25	90	30	.....	2 00	.....
	Fairview, Riverside and Ewing.....	29	6	35	.....	.....	13	70	10	12 60	5 04	3 25	4 20	2 80	.....	.....	.....
	H. C. Williams.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....		370	79	449	7	7	23	122	586	109	\$ 162 38	\$ 58 26	\$ 71 63	\$ 49 21	\$ 32 50	\$ 29 70	\$ 69 55

WEST IOWA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-fifth Annual Session, held at Polk City,
Iowa, August 25-28, 1909

OFFICERS

BURTON R. JONES, *President*

E. BALLENGER, *Secretary*

I. C. GRABILL, *Assistant Secretary*

F. N. AHERN, *Statistical Secretary*

D. C. EDDY, *Treasurer*

J. F. MUDD, *Auditor*

F. I. WATERS, *Sunday-school Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Burton R. Jones, E. Ballenger, D. C. Eddy, T. Lawsen.

On Publications—G. S. Ingram, W. E. Dunn, F. I. Waters.

On Reforms—F. N. Ahern, P. H. Arlington, W. H. Wilfong.

On Sunday-schools—F. I. Waters, J. H. Phelps, Thomas Lawsen.

On Education—D. C. Lamson, J. F. Mudd, P. C. Kenton.

On State of the Work—D. C. Eddy, E. Ballenger, J. H. Phelps, W. H. Wilfong.

On Aggressive Evangelism—D. C. Eddy, E. Ballenger, W. H. Austin.

On Home Missions—The stationing committee.

On Foreign Missions—N. Katie Waters, Maud Wallace, Nora Lamson.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—P. H. Arlington, P. C. Kenton, G. B. Ingraham.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—P. C. Kenton.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—The stationing committee.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

E. Ballenger, president, two years; D. C. Eddy, secretary, three years; F. I. Waters, one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

D. C. Eddy, president; E. Ballenger, secretary; F. N. Ahern, treasurer; O. E. Dillon, W. E. Dunn.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

G. B. Ingram, five years; C. G. Cox, four years; A. Wilder, three years; D. C. Eddy, president, two years; W. W. Crippen, one year.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—F. N. Ahern,

On Sunday-schools—W. G. Taylor.

On Education—F. I. Waters,

On Reforms—P. H. Arlington.

On the State of the Work—The district elders.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions, Church Extension; second quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Permanent Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Missions (15 cents).

STANDING COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

E. Ballenger, president; J. H. Phelps, secretary; D. C. Eddy, treasurer; W. W. Crippen, W. H. Wilfong.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, N. Katie Waters, 305 East Chestnut street, Clarinda, Iowa; vice-president, Maud Wallace, Sac City, Iowa; recording secretary, Mae Vredenburg, Sac City, Iowa; treasurer, Mary Smyth, Churdan, Iowa; corresponding secretary, Bertha Brown, 305 East Chestnut street, Clarinda, Iowa; superintendent of Junior work, Elma Ingram, Churdan, Iowa.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

F. I. Waters,
J. S. Phillips,
C. G. Cox,
P. H. Arlington,
G. B. Ingram,
E. Ballenger,
William Vanhorn,

George Patrick,
J. F. Mudd,
W. W. Crippen,
Thomas Lawsen,
W. H. Austin,
P. C. Kenton,
W. G. Taylor,

D. C. Eddy,
R. H. Smyth,
D. C. Lamson,
F. N. Ahern,
W. D. Groesbeck,
Ezra Whitton,
I. C. Grabill.

DELEGATES

S. J. Phillips,
A. Wilder,
J. F. Bates,
F. A. Rumser,
W. H. Wilfong.

J. H. Phelps,
R. F. Smalley,
A. E. McKay,
J. H. Knox,
W. E. Dunn.

Charles Nesler,
John Thompson,
R. Crouse,
Adah Warren,
C. E. Dillon.

2. Who are the stationing committee? Burton R. Jones, E. Ballenger, D. C. Eddy, W. H. Wilfong, J. H. Phelps.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Norman Huddle.
4. Who remain on trial? C. H. Truelson.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? W. G. Taylor, I. C. Grabill.
6. Who are the deacons? G. B. Ingram, W. D. Groesbeck, Ezra P. Whitton, F. N. Ahern, P. C. Kenton, W. G. Taylor, I. C. Grabill.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the superannuated, or worn-out, preachers? J. S. Phillips, George Patrick, C. G. Cox, R. H. Smyth.
10. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? None.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? D. C. Lamson, P. C. Kenton.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed, with one exception.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-20. See statistical reports.
21. See report on Conference Claimants and Claims.
23. See treasurer's report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? The location and time was left to a committee consisting of D. C. Eddy, E. Ballenger, J. H. Phelps, W. H. Wilfong.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-fifth session of the West Iowa conference was held at Polk City, Iowa, August 25-28, 1909. Bishop Burton R. Jones presided with marked ability and grace.

The following named visitors were present all or part of the time, and added much to the interest of the conference, especially the religious services: Rev. W. W. Vinson and wife, Rev. E. N. Miller and wife, of the Iowa conference; Rev. H. D. F. Gaffin, of the North Michigan conference, representing Greenville college; Rev. J. W. Whiteside, South Dakota conference, representing Wessington Springs seminary. Rev. B. L. Olmstead represented the publishing house.

Miss Lucy Hartman, returned missionary from Africa, was also present and her address Sabbath afternoon was highly interesting and inspiring.

About \$300 was raised for Wessington Springs seminary and \$165 for missions. Total amount raised for all purposes, about \$650. A deficit in conference claims of \$17.46 was raised in full.

APPOINTMENTS

SHENANDOAH DISTRICT—D. C. Eddy, District Elder, 2028 Avenue D., Council Bluffs, Iowa

Shenandoah, Bingham and Essex.....F. N. Ahern, Shenandoah, Iowa
Hamburg and Knox.....To be supplied
Council Bluffs.....W. W. Crippen, 1620 Avenue B., Council Bluffs, Iowa
Dunlap, Bethel and Allen Creek.....N. Huddle, Dunlap. "

J. S. Phillips, superannuated; D. C. Lamson, given a certificate of good standing with a view to transfer; William Vanhorn, left without appointment according to paragraph 94; D. C. Eddy, member of the Shenandoah district quarterly conference.

CRESTON DISTRICT—D. C. Eddy, District Elder

College Springs and Pleasant Hill.....To be supplied
Clarinda, Glasgow and Gravity.....
.....F. I. Waters, 305 East Chestnut street, Clarinda, Iowa
Shambaugh.....N. Katie Waters, supply, Clarinda. "
Carbon, Creston and Clearfield.....W. W. Parish, Carbon, "
Garden Grove.....Bertha Brown, supply, Garden Grove, "
Lorimor.....Harry Northup, supply, Lorimor, "

C. G. Cox, superannuated.

BOONE DISTRICT—E. BALLENGER, District Elder, Box 74, Boone, Iowa

Boone, Ogden and Pleasant Hill.....J. F. Mudd, 523 Clay street, Boone, Iowa
Polk City and Bethany.....I. C. Grabill, Polk City, "
Bear Grove.....W. H. Austin, R. F. D., Guthrie Center, "
Coon Rapids.....To be supplied
Churdan and Scranton.....G. B. Ingram, Churdan, Iowa
Plover, Havelock and Marathon.....C. H. Truelson, R. F. D., Havelock, "

P. C. Kenton, given a certificate of good standing with a view to transfer; W. D. Groesbeck, supernumerary; George Patrick and R. H. Smyth, superan-

nuated; Thomas Lawsen, left without appointment; E. Ballenger, member of the Boone district quarterly conference.

SIOUX CITY DISTRICT—E. BALLENGER, District Elder

Sioux City.....To be supplied
LeMars.....W. G. Taylor, LeMars, Iowa
Sac City and Steeg Church.....Maud Wallace, supply, Sac City, "
Correctionville and Kingsley.....P. H. Arlington, Correctionville, "
Onawa.....To be supplied

Ezra P. Whitton, left without an appointment according to paragraph 94 of the Discipline.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

N. Katie Waters.....Clarinda, Iowa Mrs. Nora Lamson, Council Bluffs,
Maud Wallace.....Sac City, " Iowa

TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS'—Assessed and paid, \$227.70.
BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$91.08.
CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$75.90.
GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$75.90.
CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$50.60.
PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$25.30.
CHILDREN'S FUND—\$4.50.
FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$4.65.
EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$1.50.
RAISED FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS BY THE W. F. M. S., \$524.15.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

CLAIMS FOR THE COMING YEAR

J. S. Phillips, \$80; Mrs. Harriet Woof, \$70; Mrs. J. W. Dake, \$150; Mrs. P. R. Rhamy, \$100. Total, \$400.

I.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

The Sunday-school is of great importance. The importance of the Sunday-school lies, first, in the worth of our children. Who can tell the value of one of these precious jewels—these souls for whom Jesus died? One has said, "We might be offered mountains of gold for just one but would look upon it with scorn. Ofttimes we have counted ease, comfort, time, money, effort, aye, even life itself as nothing, for their sakes; and yet do we not neglect those things that make for their salvation and hold too lightly the means we ought to use with the greatest diligence to bring them to God?"

There is a great work to be done in our Sabbath-schools. We notice that last year we had 1,209 Sabbath-schools, 7,838 officers and teachers, and 43,410 scholars. We are made to exclaim, What a wonderful field is open to us. Truly the Sunday-school is with us to stay; firm and deep is its hold; wonderful are its possibilities, great are the opportunities and loud is the appeal sounding out to all churches, "Forward, all along the line."

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We are glad to hear of the progress of our Sunday-schools in our church, and the efforts of our general conference secretary, Rev. William B. Olmstead, are not without fruits. We approve of the "Ten Points of Excellence" as recommended by him; also his book entitled, "Handbook for Sunday-school Workers," is very helpful to the Sunday-school laborer.

We desire to call special attention to the important item of Sunday-

school literature. We have the best. The young people will read something. Get the best for them. We recommend that all our Sabbath-schools purchase their literature from our publishing house, and that they use them in preference to all others.

II.—ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

"Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!" This great God whom we serve has, in His goodness, provided for all the varied needs of humanity. In temporal things some needs are world-wide and some are confined to different localities. The all-wise God knowing our needs has provided abundantly in giving light and air so indispensable to human life.

From a temporal standpoint our needs differ according to the locality in which we live. For instance, the people who dwell in the far North where ice and snow are seen the year around have different needs from those who live in milder climates; and God has wisely provided that these regions should abound with animals suitable for food and clothing. The warmer climates are provided with grain and fruits suited to the needs of those who dwell there.

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We turn from the temporal needs and provisions, to the needs of the soul that are alike to all mankind everywhere. God has abundantly provided for this need by the gift of His Son. Many have never heard of this gracious gift of life, so Jesus gave the command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." What means all this bowing to gods of wood and stone? What means this sacrifice of infant life to appease the wrath of their gods? Is it not the voice of the human soul crying out for something to satisfy? Their need is Christ. Shall we withhold from them the light they so much need?

We are glad to note that the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in our conference is on the upgrade. But we fear our brethren are becoming more and more indifferent each year. "My brethren, these things ought not so to be."

Paul, in his letter to the Philippian brethren, exhorted them to help those women that labored with them in the gospel. According to our Discipline each pastor is required to preach on this subject once a year, take an offering, and also circulate a subscription for the benefit of missions. As you have noted from the appeals in *The Free Methodist* by Brothers Winget, Vinson and McGeary, that the needs of our work are pressing and our treasurer has not been able to meet the missionaries' salaries when due. The heathen world for whom Christ died have not all been redeemed, neither have they all heard the gospel tidings. This is no time to slacken our pace when so many doors are open. God is answering prayer and calling laborers into His vineyard. Shall we not by prayer, effort and self-denial help to send those called to the field and support them while there? When the sheaves are bound and gathered we shall all share in the reward.

III.—ON PUBLICATIONS

Since it is true that whatsoever we sow that shall we also reap, we are no less responsible for the literature we issue and endorse than for the words we speak and the acts we perform. We believe there is more seed sown from the press than from any other source. We should therefore be very cautious in choosing our reading matter and note the moral tone of the same.

We insist first of all upon the securing and reading of the Bible. It is the text-book for all wholesome literature, the rule by which we correct all other publications. Next to the Bible is our church paper, and Discipline. We think *The Free Methodist* was never better than now. We believe it to be the best holiness journal in the world; a sun to cast light upon the stars around it. Along with *The Free Methodist* is *The Earnest Christian*—these messengers of truth and light are second to none, and are mighty in their influence

to rebuke the floods of corrupt literature, and correct the false teachings found in many periods.

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We know so little about the temperance movement that we are almost afraid of it when we hear it. We here recommend to every preacher and member of our and other churches, the unique, out-spoken *National Prohibitionist*. Every person who favors reform should read it. Of the many good books we cannot here speak. Our publishing house has them in abundance. We are glad to see more books written by our own people. We believe this to be one of the needs of the church. We trust these pages will ever be strong and clear in the expositions of the living issues to which we hold.

We heartily approve of the last report of the Oklahoma conference "on publications," which was reproduced in *The Free Methodist*, especially paragraphs five and eight, which disapproves of individual and conference publications. We believe our new publishing house is of sufficient capacity to carry all publications endorsed by the connection in general, without the aid of small printing stations over the conferences, which are better in furnishing jobs and positions for some disappointed office seeker than they are for spreading truths of the Bible and doctrines of the church.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST IOWA CONFERENCE

SHENANDOAH, COUNCIL BLUFFS, BOONE AND SIOUX CITY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
SHENANDOAH DISTRICT							\$457 96					
Shenandoah, Bingham, Essex ..	\$ 1 50		\$ 42 67	\$ 2 50	\$ 425 00	\$120	100 01		2	\$ 4000	1	\$ 1800
Clarinda and Glasgow S. H.....			30 00	1 75	343 77	120	70 01	\$ 5 63	1	2000	1	1600
Gravity and Clearfield.....					90	280 00	60	36 00		10 00	1	700
Carbon and Creston.....			16 97	1 70	308 70	72	70 00	23 00	1	500	1	700
College Springs.....	93		22 56	03	272 50	60	79 54	13 79	2	2200	2	1400
Shambaugh.....			15 49	1 00	143 20		47 24		1	700		
Lorimor.....	3 00		11 73		168 30	60	34 19	7 56			1	1500
Garden Grove.....					91 63	44	20 97	2 50	1	600		
Hamburg and Knox.....					160 90	40	19 33		1	1000	1	400
COUNCIL BLUFFS DISTRICT							123 68					
Council Bluffs.....		1 14	31 27	1 50	400 00	125	72 00	68 00	1	1500	1	1100
Dunlap and Bethel.....				1 15	99 63	36	51 68		2	2900	1	800
BOONE DISTRICT							405 38					
Boone and Ogden.....		36	17 01	1 55	348 07	108	71 97		3	4500	1	1200
Churdan and Scranton.....			12 60	1 40	400 00	100	67 60	25 50	2	2400	2	2000
Polk City and Bethany.....				1 55	450 00	100	72 97	13 10	2	2000	2	1400
Bear Grove.....			12 00		75	222 08	40 10		1	1000	1	500
Coon Rapids.....					45	207 50	96	38 99	2	1200	1	600
Sac City.....			19 96	1 15	58 90		58 46		1	800	1	800
Plover, Havelock, Marathon.....				1 00	131 27		33 73		2	1500		
SIOUX CITY DISTRICT							213 93					
Sioux City.....			16 20	55	37 80		27 72					
LeMars and Newal S. H.....		2 00	16 77	1 65	461 27		79 2		1	3000		
Correctionville, Kingsley, etc.....			19 13	1 44	360 89	96	70 78	31 50	2	2200	1	800
Total.....	\$ 2 43	\$ 50	\$ 294 36	\$22 02	\$5371 41	1229	1220 28	\$ 239 47	29	\$ 33750	19	\$16300

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST IOWA CONFERENCE

SHENANDOAH, COUNCIL BLUFFS, BOONE AND SIOUX CITY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangalists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
SHENANDOAH DISTRICT	D. C. Eddy, District Elder																	
	W. W. Crippen.....	45	6	51	45	2	3	18	40	8	\$ 22 50	\$ 9 00	1 50	\$ 7 50	5 00	.....	\$ 2 25	75 62
	Clarinda and Glasgow S. H.....	40	6	46	40	2	2	18	50	18	15 70	6 00	5 25	5 25	3 50	.....	.....	38 00
	Gravety and Clearfield.....	38	3	41	38	2	2	10	40	12	15 70	6 34	2 70	2 70	1 80	.....	.....	.....
	Carbon and Creston.....	44	6	50	44	2	2	10	40	14	15 70	6 34	2 70	2 70	1 80	.....	.....	.....
	College Springs and Pleasant Hill.....	30	1	31	30	1	1	5	20	19	9 00	3 60	3 00	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	13 70
	Chamblough.....	30	1	31	30	1	1	5	20	19	9 00	3 60	3 00	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....
	W. W. Adams.....	10	2	12	10	1	1	8	45	3	9 12	14	.....	75	50	.....	2 40	.....
	N. K. Huddle, supply.....	8	2	10	8	1	1	6	23	2	1 01	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Hamberg and Knox.....	3	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Supplied.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
COUNCIL BLUFFS DISTRICT	D. C. Eddy, District Elder																	
	D. C. Eddy, District Elder	32	8	40	32	1	1	11	75	13	13 50	5 40	4 50	4 50	3 00	.....	.....	12 60
	Dunlap and Bethel.....	20	.....	20	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	10 36	4 14	3 45	3 45	2 50	.....	.....	.....
BOONE DISTRICT	E. Ballenger, District Elder																	
	Boon and Ogden.....	29	2	31	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	13 95	5 58	4 45	4 45	3 10	.....	.....	49 50
	Clinton and Stanton.....	34	.....	34	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	12 60	5 04	4 20	4 20	2 80	.....	.....	26 23
	Beaumont and Bethany.....	39	1	40	39	2	1	8	24	7	13 95	5 58	4 60	4 60	3 10	.....	.....	.....
	Beaumont and Bethany.....	16	.....	16	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	6 75	2 25	2 25	2 25	1 50	.....	.....	.....
	Beaumont and Bethany.....	10	1	11	10	1	1	4	05	3	4 05	1 62	1 35	1 35	2 30	.....	.....	.....
	Beaumont and Bethany.....	22	3	25	22	1	2	9	36	5	10 35	4 14	3 45	3 45	2 00	.....	.....	.....
	Sac City.....	17	.....	17	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	9 00	3 60	3 00	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....
	Plover, Havelock and Marathon.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Supplied.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
SIOUX CITY DISTRICT	E. Ballenger, District Elder																	
	E. Ballenger, District Elder	11	3	14	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	4 95	1 98	1 65	1 65	1 10	.....	.....	46 25
	LeMars and Newals schoolhouse.....	33	1	34	33	1	1	4	24	10	14 85	5 94	4 95	4 95	3 30	.....	5 00	38 50
Total.....	Correctionville, Kingsley, Onawa, Plover, Havelock and Marathon.....	495	38	533	10	10	24	140	621	134	\$ 228 33	\$ 87 20	\$ 65 03	\$ 72 33	\$ 49 40	.....	\$ 9 65	\$ 256 40

KANSAS CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Fortieth Annual Session, held at Solomon,
Kansas, August 25-28, 1909

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*

EDWARD C. LINDLEY, *Secretary*

EDWIN R. FORD, *Assistant Secretary*

A. SEIBERT, *Statistical Secretary*

E. E. WITCHEY, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Walter A. Sellaw, A. Neil, Walter Scott, M. Kibler.

On State of the Work—S. F. Wilson, J. L. Phillippi, J. A. Chaney.

On Education—F. S. Atwell, Asa Ford, Lillie Coghill.

On Reforms—J. A. Manning, T. B. Adams, C. W. Walker.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—C. L. Fike, J. S. Ogg, E. R. Williams.

On Publications—R. C. Myers, S. C. Lyman, B. N. Place.

On Sunday-schools—J. G. Bignall, A. J. Marrs, A. A. Schad.

On Ministerial Relations and Efficiency—H. S. Dye, J. S. Jones, C. N. Root, Robert Sherwood, I. R. Green, F. S. Atwell.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—Charles Watson.

To Publish the Minutes—Edward C. Lindley, Edwin R. Ford.

On Charities—W. W. Harris, Rosa Palmer, C. H. Jerome.

On Resolutions—S. V. Coe, J. S. Dixon.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—Walter A. Sellaw, S. F. Wilson, A. Neil, J. S. Jones, L. C. Cookson.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. L. Phillippi, president; E. R. Ford, secretary; H. S. Dye, N. S. Surface, B. N. Place.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

William Buchanan, five years; J. A. Chaney, president, four years; J. L. Phillippi, three years; A. Neil, two years; J. A. Manning, one year.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

J. L. Phillippi, five years; A. Neil, four years; L. C. Cookson, three years; W. W. Harris, two years; S. F. Wilson.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions, Home Missions (20 cents); second quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Foreign Missions; third quarter, Church Extension, Permanent Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants'.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Maude Fike, 511 Laramie street, Manhattan, Kansas; first vice-president, Miss Etta Chilson, Alma, Kansas; second vice-president, Mrs. S. F. Wilson, 1106 Lime street, Topeka, Kansas; recording secretary,

Mrs. Nettie Boettcher, Climax, Kansas; corresponding secretary, Miss Addie Baird, 726 Vattier street, Manhattan, Kansas; treasurer, Miss Lulu Huntsinger, 1208 Colorado street, Manhattan, Kansas; Junior president, Mrs. S. F. Wilson, 1106 Lime street, Topeka, Kansas.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—C. L. Fike,

On Publications—E. R. Ford,

On Reforms—A. Siebert,

On Sunday-schools—W. W. Harris,

On Charities—C. H. Jerome.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

S. F. Wilson,
Walter Scott,
S. V. Green,
J. L. Phillippi,
William Buchanan,
J. A. Manning,
E. R. Ford,
R. C. Myers,
H. S. Dye,
C. N. Root,
J. S. Ogg,
H. C. Williams,
H. J. Whitney.

D. M. Poor,
G. I. Winans,
J. G. Bignall,
A. Siebert,
W. W. Harris,
E. G. Cooper,
E. C. Lindley,
H. M. Brandt,
S. V. Coe,
F. S. Atwell,
T. B. Adams,
D. A. Heck,

G. G. Pritchard,
A. Neil,
A. S. Ford,
C. L. Fike,
W. S. Place,
J. A. Chaney,
C. C. Cox,
Robert Sherwood,
S. R. Sayer,
C. H. Jerome,
J. T. Bivins,
S. C. Lyman,

[Woman evangelist having a seat in conference, Fanny Martin Heck.]

DELEGATES

J. S. Dixon,
Aaron Harnley,
C. T. Yoder,
John Bryan,
Cornelia Minckley,
Laura Crumley,
Rosa Palmer,
C. W. Walker,
M. Kibler,
Rebecca King,
S. P. C. Hastings,
Sarah Sayre.

Henry Kline,
Elizabeth McCormick,
L. C. Cookson,
Lillie Coghill,
William Wakefield,
Mrs. C. V. Howell,
A. J. Marrs,
J. S. Jones,
B. N. Place,
I. R. Green,
C. O. Stiefel,

E. R. Williams,
C. A. Shannon,
A. A. Schad,
Mrs. M. E. Harris,
Ardilla Lindley,
Henry Sechrist,
N. W. Hamilton,
Charles Watson,
E. S. Slifer,
Lulu Huntsinger,
N. S. Surface,

2. Who are the stationing committee? Walter A. Sellew, S. F. Wilson, J. L. Phillippi, A. Neil, J. A. Chaney, J. S. Jones, J. S. Dixon, L. C. Cookson, N. S. Surface.

3. Who are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? F. E. Bonham, James W. Myer, John L. Boettcher, P. J. Postlewait, C. H. Southworth.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? S. C. Lyman, H. J. Whitney, D. A. Heck.

6. Who are the deacons? A. S. Ford, W. S. Place, H. M. Brandt, Robert

Sherwood, H. S. Dye, C. N. Root, S. C. Lyman, *H. J. Whitney, *D. A. Heck, J. T. Bivins, *C. F. Howard (local).

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders? R. C. Myers.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? A. Siebert, W. S. Place.

10. Who are the superannuated, or worn-out, preachers? S. V. Green, G. G. Pritchard, E. G. Cooper, S. R. Sayer.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? J. S. Ogg, from the West Kansas conference; T. B. Adams, from the Kentucky and Tennessee conference; J. T. Bivins, from the Washington conference; H. C. Williams, from the Nebraska conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference? G. I. Winans.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? C. N. Root, M. L. Root, S. C. Lyman, D. M. Poor.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each preacher now on our roll was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical reports.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? S. V. Green, \$45; G. G. Pritchard, \$100; E. G. Cooper, \$50; Mrs. Frank A. Root, \$35; children of Frank Root, \$50; Mrs. L. A. Watson, \$150; one child of I. N. Watson, \$25; three children of Fred Scott, \$75; Mary Fear, \$10; children of J. W. Buckner, \$30.

22, 23. See statistical reports.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall the next session of the conference be held? At Ottawa, Kansas, as near the last Wednesday in August, 1910, as is consistent with the plans of the bishops.

APPOINTMENTS

CLAY CENTER DISTRICT—A. NEIL, District Elder, 808 Seventh street, Clay Center, Kansas

Clay Center...Robert Sherwood, Mabel Sherwood, supply, Clay Center, Kansas
Washington, Hawkeye, Spring Valley and Albia schoolhouse.....

.....A. Anderson, supply, Washington, “

Barrett, Antioch and Frankfort.....C. S. Huston, supply, Barrett, “

Manhattan.....C. L. Fike, 511 Laramie street, Manhattan, “

Alma.....C. F. Howard, supply, Alma, “

Junction City, R. C. Myers, 1219 North Franklin street, Junction City, “

A. Neil, member of the Clay Center district quarterly conference; J. G. Bignall, evangelist; G. I. Winans, withdrawn under censure.

SOLOMON DISTRICT—A. NEIL, District Elder

Solomon and Cox schoolhouse.....C. H. Southworth, Solomon, Kansas

Minneapolis and Concord Center.....H. C. Williams, Minneapolis, “

Jeffcoat, Industry and Abilene.....To be supplied

Oak Hill and Storm Center.....To be supplied

A. Siebert, supernumerary.

*Ordained this year.

EMPORIA DISTRICT—J. A. MANNING, District Elder

Emporia.....Edward C. Lindley, 2 South State street, Emporia, Kansas
 Neosho Rapids and Burlington, M. D. Harbour, supply, Neosho Rapids, "
 Union and Americus.....H. J. Whitney, R. F. D. 2, Reading, "
 Plymouth.....H. M. Brandt, Olivet, "
 Climax and Eureka.....J. L. Boettcher, Climax, "
 S. V. Green, superannuated; W. S. Place, supernumerary.

IOLA DISTRICT—J. A. MANNING, District Elder, 627 Locust street,
Topeka, Kansas

Iola.....F. E. Bonham, 410 North Ohio street, Iola, Kansas
 Bronson and Logan.....A. J. Marrs, supply, Bronson, "
 Girard, Roseland and Wild Cat schoolhouse....."
H. S. Dye, 200 West North Maple street, Girard, "
 Pittsburg, W. H. Stackhouse, supply, 927 East Seventh street, Pittsburg, "
 Altamont and Mound Valley.....Job Holliday, supply, Altamont, "

G. G. Prichard, superannuated; T. B. Adams, evangelist; J. N. Sheets, discontinued, membership fixed on the Jeffcoat circuit; J. A. Manning, member of the Iola district quarterly conference.

WICHITA DISTRICT—J. A. CHANEY, District Elder, 435 North Seneca street, Wichita, Kansas

Wichita.....F. S. Atwell, Alice Atwell, supply.....North Second and Seneca streets, Wichita, Kansas
 Bethel, Eldorado and Latham.....William Buchanan, Rose Hill, "
 Winfield.....C. H. Jerome, 818 Sixth street, Winfield, "
 Arkansas City and Vinton.....John Walrafen, supply, Arkansas City, "
 Caldwell, Doster and Wellington.....To be supplied

D. M. Poor, M. L. Root and S. C. Lyman, granted certificates of good standing with a view to transfer; E. G. Cooper, superannuated; J. A. Chaney, member of the Wichita district quarterly conference.

MARION DISTRICT—J. A. CHANEY, District Elder

Marion and Brown schoolhouse.....J. S. Ogg, Marion, Kansas
 McPherson, Canton and Lookout.....A. S. Ford, McPherson, "
 Matfield Green and Jackson schoolhouse.....To be supplied
 Chapel Hill, Pleasant Hill and Gypsum.....Walter Scott, Gypsum, Kansas
 Salina and Old Stone schoolhouse....."
J. T. Bivins, Minnie Bivins, supply, Salina, "

C. C. Cox, left without an appointment; S. R. Sayre, superannuated; J. L. Whitney, withdrawn under charges; C. N. Root, granted certificate of good standing with a view to transfer.

LAWRENCE DISTRICT—J. L. PHILLIPPI, District Elder

Lawrence and Perry, W. W. Harris, Mrs. M. E. Harris, supply, Lawrence, Kansas
 Kansas City.....D. A. Heck, Fanny Martin Heck, supply.....2715 Tremont street, Kansas City, "
 The Life Line Mission....."
S. V. Coe, Kate Coe, supply, 711 Osage avenue, Kansas City, "
 Leavenworth Mission.....G. W. Sluthour, Dora Gant Sluthour, supplies.....301 Walnut street, Leavenworth, "
 Topeka, S. F. Wilson, Louisa S. Wilson, supply, 1106 Lime street, Topeka, "
 Meriden.....To be supplied

OTTAWA DISTRICT—J. L. PHILLIPPI, District Elder, 923 North Cedar street, Ottawa, Kansas

Ottawa, Victor and Greeley, E. R. Ford, 723 North Oak street, Ottawa, Kansas
 Harmony and Old Union
J. W. Myer, Florence Myer, supply, R. F. D., Baldwin, "
 Vassar, Michigan and ScrantonD. B. Williams, supply, Pauline, "
 Agricola, Glenwood and RansomvilleP. J. Postlewait, Agricola, "
 OlatheW. L. Coy and Martha E. Coy, supplies, Olathe, "
 J. L. Phillippi, member of the Ottawa district quarterly conference.

LOCAL ELDERS

H. D. Kelley	Scranton, Kansas	M. M. Root	Salina, Kansas
George Palmer	Leavenworth, "	John Mitchell	Edna, "
T. M. Hardy	Abilene, "	N. W. Hamilton	Gas City, "

LOCAL DEACONS

N. S. Surface	Lyndon, Kansas	D. B. Williams	Pauline, Kansas
W. E. Huff	Solomon, "	John Fridley	Alma, "
Job Holliday	Altamont, "	L. J. Brock	Parsons, "
C. F. Howard	Alma, "	J. S. Pigman, Neosho Rapids, "	
W. M. Pratt	Fairfield, Nevada	R. T. Littler, Clay Center, "	
	Ira Putney	Wichita, Kansas	

LOCAL PREACHERS

G. W. Parkman	Emporia, Kansas	Arthur Howard, Greenville, Illinois
George Wright	Climax, "	L. C. Cookson
J. E. Wade	Ottawa, "	C. L. Helvey, Soldiers' Home, "
R. F. Seeley	Peoria, "	J. E. Hulet
O. Douby	Williamsburg, "	F. V. Ingersoll
R. C. Herrington, Trimble, Missouri		C. L. McElfresh, Emporia, "
J. N. Sheets	Detroit, Kansas	G. M. Duvall
W. W. Stewart	Oak Hill, "	A. B. Wilson
A. J. Marrs	Elsmore, "	J. D. Myers

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Florence A. Myer, R. F. D. 1, Baldwin, Kansas	Mrs. R. E. Hedges, Kansas City, Kansas
Pearl Antry	Caldwell, Kansas
Louisa Sells Wilson, Topeka, "	Mrs. S. D. Nichols, Vineland, Kansas
Alberta Bonham	Iola, "
Mrs. M. E. Coy, Leavenworth, "	G. W. Sluthour, Leavenworth, Kansas
Mrs. Lillie Coghill, Topeka, "	Mabel Sherwood, Clay Center, Kansas
Etta Chillson	Alma, Kansas
Mrs. Maggie Witchey, Topeka, Kansas	Mrs. R. A. Kring, Leavenworth, Kansas
Mrs. Eunice Cowgill, Emporia, Kansas	Mrs. M. E. Harris, Lawrence, Kansas
	Mrs. R. B. Peddicord, Williamsburg, Kansas
A. Wegley	Emporia, Kansas

ANNUAL CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Fanny Martin Heck, 2715 Tremont street, Kansas City, Kansas	Miss Florence Edna Jolly, Greenville, Illinois
Miss Lillie Southworth, Solomon, Kansas	Mrs. Dora Gant Sluthour, Leavenworth, Kansas
Miss Ada Hubbard, Emporia, Kansas	Mrs. Mary E. Fear, Topeka, Kansas
Mrs. Ida Shires....Emporia, "	Mrs. Emma C. Adams, Iola, "
Mrs. Alice Atwell, North Second and Seneca streets, Wichita, Kansas	Mrs. Kate Coe, 711 Osage avenue, Kansas City, Kansas
Mrs. Ida Ingersoll, Overbrook, Kansas	

ADDRESSES

T. B. Adams.....Iola, Kansas	A. Siebert, Talmage, R. F. D. 1, Box 40, Kansas
W. S. Place....Cedar Point, "	
J. A. Chaney, 435 North Seneca street, Wichita, Kansas	J. A. Manning, 627 East Locust street, Topeka, Kansas
A. Neil.....Clay Center, Kansas	J. L. Phillippi, 923 North Cedar street, Ottawa, Kansas
S. V. Green, Reading, R. F. D., Kansas	E. E. Witchey, 1610 Van Buren street, Topeka, Kansas
J. G. Bignall, Washington, Kansas	G. G. Pritchard, La Cygne, Kansas

MISCELLANEOUS

The fortieth session of the Kansas conference met at Solomon, Kansas, August 25-28, 1909. Bishop Walter A. Sellew presided in his own inimitable and thorough-going way, to the eminent satisfaction of all interested.

The conference ordered the incorporation in Kansas City, of the Life Line Rescue Mission.

Four district elders were elected, with the understanding that they were to serve their districts also as Sunday-school secretaries.

The conference voted to raise the equivalent of twenty cents per member for home missions, ten cents of which is to be divided equally between the two conference evangelists.

On Sabbath, H. J. Whitney, D. A. Heck and C. F. Howard were ordained deacons, and R. C. Myers was ordained elder.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed, \$137.40; paid, \$126.30; deficit, \$11.10.
 CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Assessed, \$229.00; paid, \$220.75; deficit, \$8.25.
 BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed, \$164.88; paid, \$150.71; deficit, \$14.71.
 CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed, \$91.60; paid, \$76.42; deficit, \$15.08.
 PERMANENT FUND—Assessed, \$45.80; paid, \$40.40; deficit, \$5.40.
 CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Assessed, \$412.20; paid, \$379.79; deficit, \$32.41.
 Total deficit, \$86.41.
 FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$18.54.
 CHILDREN'S FUND—\$17.18.
 EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$5.35.
 CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Surplus, \$11.61.
 TO PUBLISH CONFERENCE MINUTES—\$36.95.
 COLLECTION—August 29th, 1909, \$117.21.
 TREASURER OF THE W. F. M. S. REPORTED HAVING RAISED, \$1,152.64.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON REFORMS

Your committee on Reforms submit the following report:

We see the effects of the liquor traffic, one of the greatest evils of our land, everywhere we go. We believe our only remedy is absolute prohibition. We must have prohibitionists to enforce prohibition laws, therefore we insist on voting for prohibition.

TOBACCO is another great evil. We note with pleasure the increase of the anti-tobacco sentiment. We recommend we fight this evil to the death.

SECRET SOCIETIES: We believe it necessary for us to keep ourselves on record against these secret orders, and we still maintain that the organized oath-bound secret society is a menace to our free country.

DRESS: We note with pleasure the plainness of our pilgrims and the firm stand our people take on the line of dress. Yet we still feel and see the need of crying out against the god of fashion. Are not some adding useless trimmings and adornments for the purpose of evading the reproach that attends the pilgrim? Is there not a tendency with some to conform to the world? Some do not yield to the fashions themselves, but lavish it on their children and home. Do we prove to the world we manifest the spirit of self-denial when we spend too much money and time on ourselves and children? Let us not leave the ancient landmarks which our fathers have set.

SABBATH DESECRATION: As a nation we are becoming more and more Sabbath breakers. The disregard for the Sabbath days is shown by the increase of Sabbath traffic, pleasure and labor. The day is becoming a day of pleasure rather than a day of rest. We see such a tendency to visit and seek pleasure on God's holy day, that we feel we should cry out against it.

EVIL SPEAKING: The Psalmist exhorts (Psalm 34: 13). "Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile." And James the Apostle admonishes us, "Speak not evil one of another, brethren." We fear there are some that yield to the tempter. Speaking evil of one another, causing divisions, and the spirit of love and harmony is destroyed. Many a soul goes into eternity unwarned and without God just because of the misuse of the tongue. Let our conversation be with grace, seasoned with salt, that it may minister grace to the hearer.

THE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC: This is a monster of iniquity, fed by the lust of men. It holds in its slimy toils, thousands of unwilling captives—girls, who but for this traffic would have lived pure lives. This mystery of iniquity knocks at our doors with innocent looking advertisements, telling our daughters of easy work and large pay to be found in the city. This advertisement is only a decoy, a bait; in reality, it is an invitation to a life of shame. We as a conference urge our people to inform themselves as to the workings of this nefarious business and lift a voice of warning against it, and thus save our unsuspecting, innocent girls from being entrapped.

The committee submits this report believing that no reform is lasting which is not of the heart as well as the conduct, and trusting that in heart as well as conduct these evils may be kept away from us. Amen.

II.—ON PUBLICATIONS

We believe the mission of the Free Methodist church is to spread scriptural holiness over the land. One of the most powerful agencies for accomplishing this end is through the press. Solomon says, "Of the making of many books there is no end." We might add, "Of the making of many cheap books full of spurious doctrine, there is no end." The world is flooded with religious books bearing charming titles and gilded covers.

We can never stop this flood of error, but we believe it is time we were making as diligent an effort in spreading genuine holiness literature as the Adventists, Christian Scientists, Mormons and others are in spreading error.

We deplore the fact that there is a disposition among some of our people

to patronize other publishing houses when they should use our own, for song books, Sunday-school literature, and other periodicals. Among 916 members of the Kansas conference we are sorry to say that there are only 265 copies of *The Free Methodist* taken.

We recommend that all our Sunday-schools use Free Methodist literature.

We advise that there be a reformation on these lines, and that the Bible and Free Methodist publications take the precedence in all our religious reading.

III.—ON EDUCATION

Your committee on Education submits the following:

The leading colleges and universities of America are to-day teaching infidelity of the rankest type to thousands of our most intelligent young people, many of whom are studying for the ministry. They have attacked the inspiration of the Bible, and declare the Holy Book no more inspired than a secular history, and full of error. They have assailed the divinity of Jesus Christ, and declare that belief to be a myth. They ignore the supernatural in religion and teach that the coming religion will consist in doing good, according to various standards agreed upon by men, instead of one universal standard established by Almighty God. They declare that marriage is not a divine institution, but merely a civil contract, to be dissolved at the pleasure of the contracting parties, and that there are holier alliances outside the marriage relation, than inside. Against all of which we protest in the name of God and all we hold sacred. We earnestly advise our young people to keep clear of all such heretical teaching and only attend our own or similar schools. We are informed that Orleans, and our six other seminaries, are in better condition than ever in the past to do good work, while Greenville College is becoming better every year, and deserves our hearty support. We urge our people to do all they possibly can in every way for our schools.

IV.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK

It is with profound gratitude to God that we view the mercies of the closing year. God's presence has been manifested and His power displayed throughout our borders. With but few exceptions souls have been saved and believers sanctified on the various circuits. We are glad to say that the dark clouds of discouragement, which hovered over us for some time, are giving way, and we are now seeing the Sun of Righteousness arising with healing in His wings. The question naturally arises, Why are we not more successful? Certainly we all desire to be, and are making great sacrifices for the privilege of taking this way. No doubt Mr. Wesley's answer would be because we are not more holy. We want to point out some of our reasons that we have observed regarding our work:

1. Our greatest foes are the internal ones. This is true of a conference as of any individual. Some of the marks of division in the early church have come down to us. Paul, writing to the Corinthians, said, "Ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal and walk as men? For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos, are ye not carnal?" David also describing a citizen of Zion declares him to be a man who backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor. If all our people would see to it that they as individuals bore these three marks, the greatest hindrance to our spiritual progress would be gone.

2. Grave financial difficulty faces us as a conference. Our preachers are not nearly so well supported as our people are able to support them. In practice, paragraph 190 of our Discipline might as well not have been written. Some official boards shrink from duty of declaring for any specified amount for the support of the preacher. This leaves our preachers without any definite promise of support; and unless he has more faith in God than most of us have it causes him to neglect his work to earn a living for his family. A

return to the Bible and Discipline will make us able to overcome all these difficulties and to conquer every internal foe.

3. We wish to call attention to the great lack among us in the matter of family government. This is one of the failures. Children are unrestrained in the home, and refuse when restrained by the gospel and spirit of God. Will our parents take heed?

4. There seems to be a decline in the spirit of hospitality among us. Many of our people are in much better circumstances than they were thirty years ago, but they are less disposed to entertain strangers than when they were poorer and had less conveniences in their homes. Let us wake up on this point.

5. Our Sabbath-school work is on the upgrade, we believe, but there is still great room for improvement. There is not the interest on the part of the parents of our children in this department of our work. The world and the devil are alert to catch our young people. Let us seek heavenly wisdom that we may by all means win our children to God and the church.

6. Is there not a need of a more general attendance at our camp-meetings and general quarterly meetings? Do we not allow causes too small to deprive us of the inspirations of these general gatherings? In some cases the preachers who should be examples to the flock are not entirely clear on these points.

7. Our work in the southeast part of the state is very promising. There are many open doors for our work. Many calls have come to us during the year for meetings which had to be left unanswered, for lack of men and means, with which to reach these open doors, in this part of our conference; however, we have held two tabernacle meetings and one camp-meeting, which resulted in much good. A new class was organized and a new church built at Rose-land. Six camp-meetings were held in the conference with much good accomplished.

With humbleness of heart we bow to the will of our heavenly Father, asking for grace and wisdom to continue against sin during the coming year.

V.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS

The Sabbath-school is one of the means of grace in the church and deals largely with the rising generation, and more especially with children of Free Methodist parents and friends of our church.

We ought to show special interest in a line of work that is so vital to all our interests. We ought to use all our sanctified judgment in the selection of officers and teachers, and have grace enough to charge such at any proper time, who by a lack of grace or judgment, are injuring our work instead of building it up. If impressions made on the child in early life largely wield their future, the superintendent and the pastor ought to guard carefully the doctrine taught in the school.

We wish to call special attention to a great fault of our older members allowing a very little excuse to keep them from the Sabbath-school, and thereby set a bad example to the children; also the failure of the larger classes to commit memory verses, while they expect the children to do so.

Another point we wish to call special attention to is the failure of many of our Sabbath-school superintendents and teachers to gather in, by personal effort, scholars to enlarge their school and classes.

We would also suggest that we strive by all honorable and right means to break up the monotony of the routine work and keep everybody interested.

In view of the fact that the Sunday-school is one of the means of grace, and all our members vowed when they joined the church to attend the means of grace; and that in places where there is no Sabbath morning preaching, by many staying away from Sunday-school, they also miss class-meeting, let the pastor make a special effort to remedy this serious fault.

We as a conference wish to express ourselves as disapproving the action of some of our district elders in allowing quarterly meeting occasions to crowd out the Sunday-school exercises.

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AND OTTAWA DISTRICTS

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CLAY CENTER DISTRICT							\$234 38					
Washington, Spring Valley, etc.	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 34 85	\$ 1 20	\$ 352 37	\$ 48	52 60	41 21	1	1500	1	550
Barrett, Antioch and Frankford.	88	50	20 00	1 80	335 00	25	62 00	37 43	1	500	1	500
Manhattan.....	40	4 64	39 69	1 50	308 95	113	58 38	20 20	1	2000	1	500
Alma.....		5 75	10 00	50	180 00	96	27 25		1	2000	1	2000
Junction City.....			19 17	1 15	260 32	120	34 15	21 97	1	800	1	1000
SOLOMON DISTRICT							232 02					
Solomon and Cox schoolhouse..	2 00	3 00	47 72	2 20	429 53	60	77 90	25 00	1	1100	1	1000
Minneapolis, Concord Center...				70	188 14	60	58 00		2	2000	1	1000
Jeffcoat, Industry, Abilene...			5 00	1 00	273 76	60	50 00	9 70			1	1000
Oak Hill and Storm Center.....	1 47	1 53	12 75	1 25	205 66	72	45 12				1	750
EMPORIA DISTRICT							201 63					
Emporia.....			52 86	2 60	369 20	120	64 92	78 50	1	1000	1	1000
Neosho Rapids and Burlington...				25	40 00	36	15 48		1	1000	1	300
Union and Americus.....		1 70	14 00	1 00	250 00	40	40 90	19 00			1	500
Plymouth.....			15 00	75	145 00		40 00	5 00	1	1200	1	250
Climax and Utopia.....			23 91	1 60	216 97	30	41 23	12 00	1	1000	1	500
IOLA DISTRICT							119 73					
Iola.....			39 32	1 95	403 30	72	40 65	11 25	1	1200	1	500
Bronson, Ft. Scott, Logan S. H.,				25	44 17	72	17 08	8 45			1	600
Ghard, Roseland, Mulberry				25	136 81	60	32 00	56 04	2	1400	1	600
Pittsburg.....			16 00	60	215 00		30 00	20 00	1	700		
Altamont, Montana, Parsons.....												
WICHITA DISTRICT							202 40					
Wichita.....		1 00	34 90	2 35	371 00	120	63 80	35 00	1	2000	1	1000
Rose Hill, Latham and Udall...				49	105 00				1	1000		
Winfield.....		1 25	20 69	1 25	269 06	75	50 10	48 25	1	1500	1	500
Arkansas City and Vinton.....		1 02	25 13	1 35	90 82	28	51 00	15 00	1	1000	1	500
Caldwell and Doster.....			8 00	65	196 64	72	37 50	13 37	1	1400	1	450
MARION DISTRICT							247 96					
Marion.....				27	300 00	72	43 91		1	1000	1	700
McPherson, Canton, Lookout...			15 25	95	265 19	72	73 69	7 80	1	500	1	500
Matfield Green, Jackson S. H.,				45	31 00		35 00				1	600
Chaple Hill, Pleasant Hill, etc.,					124 04	36	44 86					
Salina and Dry Creek.....			56 00	80	236 81	88	50 53	7 00	1	1170		
LAWRENCE DISTRICT							194 37					
Lawrence, Perry and Fairview...				40			22 87		1	1000		
Kansas City.....		1 25	25 00	1 00	276 00	120	46 16		1	1000	1	1500
Kansas City Mission.....			40 00	35	50 00		18 20					
Leavenworth Mission.....			12 89	80	396 86		41 75					
Topeka.....		5 00	40 00	2 00	340 00	96	49 96	25 55	1	1400	1	1000
Meriden.....					5 00		15 43	7 00				
OTTAWA DISTRICT							194 40					
Ottawa.....			35 00	1 35	292 26	72	41 55	33 67	1	1000	1	800
Harmony and Old Union.....	4 00	2 20	16 00	1 60	225 00	25	42 10	45 00	2	2000	1	250
Vassar and Michigan.....				55	82 88		20 00					
Ransomville and Pleasant Val'y			4 80	75			35 34	15 00				
Greeley and Victor.....				25	42 82	3	10 00				1	250
Agricola and Glenwood.....			15 08	1 20	279 20	36	40 00	30 15	1	400	1	600
Osage and Scranton.....			9 76		60 80		5 41	14 76	1	700		
Total.....	\$ 9 75	\$29 84	\$ 716 77	\$39 36	\$8304 56	1998	1626 92	\$ 666 30	32	\$ 34470 29	29	\$20700

A deficit of \$86.41 was provided for in the Sunday morning collection.

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CLAY CENTER DISTRICT																		
Washington, Spring Valley, etc., Barrett, Antioch and Frankford, Manhattan, Albia, Junction City.	A. Neil, District Elder	29	1	30	1	30	1	30	85	8	\$ 10.80	\$ 4.32	6.00	3.60	2.40			\$ 19.25
	J. G. Bignall	31	3	34	1	34	1	35	9	13	16.20	6.48	9.00	5.40	3.60			162.00
	C. H. Southworth	27		27	1	28	1	29	9	35	13.15	5.40	7.65	4.50	3.00			152.00
	C. L. Fike	13		13	1	14	1	15	6	25	4.50	1.80	2.50	1.50	1.00			38.00
	C. F. Howard	22	4	26		26		26	12	33	4	10.35	5.75	3.45	2.30			17.15
SOLOMON DISTRICT																		
Solomon and Cox schoolhouse, Minneapolis, Conn. Center, etc., Jeffcoat, Industry and Abilene, Oak Hill and Storm Center.	A. Neil, District Elder	47	1	48	1	49	1	50	50	13	19.80	7.92	11.00	6.60	4.40	\$ 4.04	56.00	
	Walter Scott	44	4	48	2	50	2	52	41	12	14.40	5.75	10.00	4.80	3.20	2.00	2.00	55.45
	G. W. Shumout	18		18		18		18	30	12	9.00	3.60	3.00	3.75	2.00		2.00	10.00
	A. S. Bert	24	1	25		25		25	11	11	11.25	4.50	6.25	3.75	2.50			6.00
	J. W. Myer																	
EMPORIA DISTRICT																		
Emporia, Neosho Rapids and Burlington, Union and Americus, Plymouth, Clinax and Utopia.	S. F. Wilson, District Elder	54	16	70	2	72	3	75	70	11	23.40	9.36	13.00	7.80	5.20		214.48	
	E. C. Lindley	16		16	1	17	1	18	3	8	2.25	3.60	1.35	1.35	.90			17.19
	J. R. Barron	23		23	1	24	1	25	7	55	7.90	3.60	5.00	3.00	2.00			13.96
	W. S. Place	20	1	21		21		21	2	7	7.75	3.28	3.75	2.25	1.50			
	H. M. Brandt	29	4	33	1	34	1	35	25	6	14.40	5.75	8.00	4.80	3.20			
IOLA DISTRICT																		
Iola, Bronson, Ft. Scott and Logan S. H., Girard, Roseland and Mulberry, Pittsburg, Altamont, Montana and Parsons.	S. F. Wilson, District Elder	61	21	82		82		82	75	11	17.55	7.02	9.75	5.85	3.90			17.71
	F. E. Bonham	5		5		5		5	8	3	2.25	2.25	1.25	.75	.50			7.00
	J. L. Roettcher	13	7	20		20		20	30	4	4.25	2.90	1.25	.75	.50			25.00
	F. J. Postlewait	12	5	17		17		17	9	60	2	6.30	3.00	1.80	1.20			7.00
	W. H. Stackhouse											2.16	3.00	1.80	1.20			

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WICHITA DISTRICT																	
J. A. Chaney, District Elder																	
Wichita.....		55	4	59	1	5	1	68	11	\$ 21.15	\$ 8.46	\$ 11.75	\$ 7.05	\$ 4.70			\$ 5.50
Rose Hill, Latham and Udall.....		10		10	1	1	1	5	1	4.95	4.95	2.75	1.95				
Winfield.....		27	9	36	1	1	1	6	3	4.25	4.50	6.25	3.75	2.50			45.70
Arkansas City and Vinton.....		22	2	24	1	1	1	6	3	4.25	4.48	6.75	4.05	2.70			18.27
Caldwell and Doster.....		14	7	21	1	1	1	4	4	5.85	2.44	3.25	1.95	1.30			9.00
MARION DISTRICT																	
J. A. Chaney, District Elder																	
Marion.....		19	1	20	1	1	1	9	25	3.60	1.44	2.00	1.20	55			
McPherson, Canton and Lookout.....		17		17	1	1	1	5	15	8.55	3.42	4.75	2.85	1.90			
Madison, Green, Jackson S. H., etc.....		9		9	1	1	1	3	3	4.06	1.62	2.25	1.35	1.35			
Maple Hill, Hill, Gypsum, Salina and Dry Creek.....		13	6	21	1	1	1	7	40	7.50	2.88	4.00	2.40	1.60			
LAWRENCE DISTRICT																	
J. L. Phillippi, District Elder																	
Lawrence, Perry and Fairview.....		10		10	1	1	1	5	14	3.60	1.44	2.00	1.20	80			
Kansas City.....		20	7	27	2	1	1	10	75	5.90	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.00			49.87
Kansas City Mission.....		5	1	6	1	1	1	12	70	3.15	1.26	1.75	1.05	1.70			15.00
Leavenworth Mission.....		21	8	29	2	3	1	8	25	7.30	2.88	4.00	1.60	1.60			15.94
Toneka.....		45	6	51	1	2	1	11	66	18.00	7.20	10.00	6.00	4.00		2.00	46.59
Meriden.....		2		2	1	1	1	1	1								
OTTAWA DISTRICT																	
J. L. Phillippi, District Elder																	
Ottawa.....		31	6	37	1	1	1	12	60	12.15	4.26	6.75	4.05	2.70			33.00
Harmony and Old Union.....		82	4	86	1	2	1	14	50	14.40	5.78	8.00	4.80	3.20			37.00
Vassar and Michigan.....		15		15	2	2	2	4	4	4.95	1.76	2.75	1.65	1.40			
Ransomville and Pleasant Valley.....		14		14	1	1	1	7	35	6.75	2.70	3.75	3.75	1.50			
Greenville and Victor.....		4		4	1	1	1	2	2	2.25	.90	3.00	2.00	50			
Agricola and Glenwood.....		26	4	30	1	1	1	12	50	10.80	4.32	6.00	3.60	2.40		12.00	
Osage and Scranton.....		14	3	17	1	1	1	7	37	3.83	1.53	2.12	1.27	.85			
Total.....		906	136	1042	26	31	41	308	1435	\$ 386.13	\$ 149.43	\$ 198.72	\$ 133.87	\$ 81.75		\$ 51.34	1008.55

ARKANSAS AND SOUTHERN MISSOURI CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Fifteenth Annual Session, held at Neosho, Missouri, September 8-11, 1909

OFFICERS

F. H. ASHCRAFT, *President*
DEDAH BURNAP, *Secretary* MEDAH BURNAP, *Assistant Secretary*
M. L. WILKINSON, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—F. H. Ashcraft, W. C. Bostian, M. L. Schooley, M. F. Showalters.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—P. M. Shipley, T. M. Holcomb.
To Raise Funds to Publish the Minutes—G. W. Webb.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.
On the State of the Work—W. C. Bostian, M. L. Schooley, P. M. Shipley.
To Audit the Treasurer's Accounts—M. L. Schooley.
On Sunday-schools—M. L. Schooley, S. A. Gorham.
On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.
On Sabbath Observance—D. P. Arnold, Edward Barker.
On Complimentary Resolutions—M. L. Schooley.
On Reforms—M. L. Wilkinson, D. P. Arnold, G. W. Webb.
On Publications—M. L. Wilkinson, M. L. Schooley.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

M. L. Schooley, president, for two years; W. C. Bostian, secretary, for one year; M. L. Wilkinson, for three years.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

N. T. Holcomb, president, for three years; M. L. Schooley, secretary, for one year; W. C. Bostian, treasurer, for two years.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On State of the Work—W. C. Bostian, *On Reforms*—W. C. Bostian.
On Sunday-schools—M. L. Wilkinson, *On Publications*—P. M. Shipley.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. C. Bostian, president, Beebe, Arkansas; D. P. Arnold, treasurer, Monett, Missouri; M. L. Wilkinson, secretary, West Plains, Missouri; N. T. Holcomb, M. L. Schooley.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Church Extension (10 cents); second quarter, Bishops' Salaries (18 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents); third quarter Claimants' Fund (25 cents); fourth quarter, balance Claimants' Fund (20 cents).

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. C. Bostian, N. T. Holcomb, M. L. Schooley,
M. L. Wilkinson, P. M. Shipley, T. M. Holcomb.
[Women evangelists having a seat in the conference—Eliza C. Witherspoon, Dedah Burnap.]

DELEGATES

D. P. Arnold, Ollie Dyer, Medah Burnap,
G. W. Webb, I. M. Watt, S. A. Gorham,
Edward Barker.

2. Who are the stationing committee? F. H. Ashcraft, W. C. Bostian, M. L. Schooley, D. P. Arnold, Medah Burnap.

4. Who remain on trial? M. F. Showalters.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? T. M. Holcomb.

6. Who are the deacons? P. M. Shipley, T. M. Holcomb.

10. Who are the superannuated, or worn-out, preachers? N. T. Holcomb.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

16-20. See statistical reports.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? The place was left to the discretion of the district elders, the time as near the first Wednesday in October, 1910, as convenient for the bishops.

APPOINTMENTS

NEVADA DISTRICT—M. L. SCHOOLEY, District Elder, 1104 North Clay street, Nevada, Missouri

Nevada To be supplied
Zodiac Colon J. Smith, supply, 834 N. Clay street, Nevada, Missouri
Neosho M. F. Showalters, supply, Neosho, R. F. D. 3, "
Phelps and Monett T. M. Holcomb, Monett, R. F. D. 3, "
Butler and Worland To be supplied
Carthage To be supplied

M. L. Schooley, member of the Nevada district quarterly conference.

WEST PLAINS DISTRICT—M. L. SCHOOLEY, District Elder

West Plains M. L. Wilkinson, West Plains, Missouri
Shady Grove and Deepwater schoolhouse J. P. Neeley, supply, Neosho, "
Mountain Grove W. M. Ragan and wife, supplies, Mountain Grove, "
Springfield Mission J. M. Call, supply

HARRISON DISTRICT—W. C. BOSTIAN, District Elder

Harrison Eliza C. Witherspoon, Ollie Dyer, supplies, Harrison, Arkansas
Markley and Zion Hill P. M. Shipley, Markley, "
Mammoth Springs and Ash Flat To be supplied
Newton County Mission F. D. Cass and wife, supplies
N. T. Holcomb, superannuated, Batavia, Arkansas.

BEEBE AND HOT SPRINGS DISTRICT—W. C. BOSTIAN, District Elder
Beebe, Arkansas

Vilonia To be supplied
Hot Springs To be supplied
Hot Springs Mission H. E. Moore and wife, supplies
Antioch To be supplied

W. C. Bostian, member of the Beebe and Hot Springs district quarterly conference.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. B. T. Ragan, Mountain Grove, Missouri
Mrs. Emma Shumate, Nevada, Missouri
Mrs. Jennie Griffin, Mountain View, Missouri
Miss Jessie Shade, Nevada, Missouri
F. C. Embery, Hot Springs, R. F. D.
F. L. Virts, Hot Springs, Missouri 1, Missouri

LOCAL PREACHERS

H. L. Kanans, Mountain Grove, Missouri
G. W. Webb, Joplin, care of C. Enderly, Missouri
K. J. Anderson, West Plains, Missouri
Earl Harris, Butlersville, Arkansas
D. P. Arnold Monett, " H. A. Sullivan . . . Vilonia, "

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NEVADA DISTRICT												
Nevada				\$ 65	\$ 28 90		\$ 10 32					
Zodiac				30	16 00		9 35					
Neosho			\$ 8 48	80	43 97		13 88		1	600	1	\$ 150
Phelps and Monett			7 60	1 25	56 20		24 86		1	500		
Butler and Worland	\$ 1 00		2 50	50	52 95		7 48					
WEST PLAINS DISTRICT												
West Plains, Mountain View, etc				60	279 60		41 07		1	760		
HARRISON DISTRICT												
Harrison	\$ 2 00	2 00	9 50	60	169 27	\$ 33	57 76					
Corn and Kingsley			20	20	54 97	30	25 25	\$ 15 70				
BEEBE AND HOT SPRINGS DIST.												
Vilonia			16 00	1 75	134 70	52	46 87					
Hot Springs		85	15 07	35	96 52		33 82	7 80	1	750		
Hot Springs Mission					412 44							
Antioch				1 90	31 40				2	1200		
Total	\$ 2 00	\$ 3 65	\$ 59 35	\$ 8 90	\$1376 92	\$ 85	\$270 66	\$ 23 50	6	3800	1	\$ 150

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NEVADA DISTRICT	M. L. Schooley, District Elder	14	2	16	1	1	1	2	2	5 55	2 34	1 85	1 56	1 30			
	Emma Shumate, supply	2		2						2 70	1 08	90	90	60			
	Olson J. Smith, supply	14	1	15	1	1	4	30	5	7 20	2 88	58	2 40	1 60			
	M. F. Showaters	16	1	17	1	1	6	25	2	6 50	4 50	2 75	3 75	2 50		\$ 3 35	
	T. M. Holcomb	5		5	1	1	6	26	1	1 62	1 80	64	1 50	1 50			
WEST PLAINS DISTRICT	G. W. Webb, supply																
	M. L. Schooley, District Elder	23	2	25	2	2				5 40	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20			
HARRISON DISTRICT	W. M. Ragan, supply																
	W. C. Bostian, District Elder																
	E. C. Witherspoon, Ollie Dyer, sup	16	1	17	3	1	6	30	5	4 44	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20		1 80	
BEEBE AND HOT SPRINGS DISTRICT	P. M. Shipley	8	1	9					2	1 35	60	45	60	40		40	
	W. O. Bostian, District Elder																
	Wedah and Dedah Burnap, sup	28	2	30	1	1	8	150	7	15 75	6 30	5 25	5 25	3 50		51 13	
	F. C. Embury, supply	15		15	1	2	6	26	3	3 15	1 28	1 05	1 05	70			
	Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Beeson, part of the year; F. L. Virts, the remainder of the year.																
Antioch	J. A. Chamblee	37		37	2	2	12	100	8		33		5 70	3 80			
Total		178	11	188	12	5	43	387	36	\$ 63 96	\$ 25 41	\$ 17 17	\$ 26 70	\$ 18 30		\$ 56 68	

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Forty-fifth Annual Session, held at Adrian,
Michigan, August 25-28, 1909

OFFICERS

WILLIAM PEARCE, *President*

F. L. BAKER, *Secretary*

GEORGE H. PETERS, *Assistant Secretary*

W. C. MUFFITT, *Treasurer*

S. W. STONE, *Sunday-school Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—William Pearce, S. W. Stone, F. L. Baker, C. W. Miller.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—J. G. Fortress.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Education—H. Montgomery, H. A. Millican, Robert McFate.

On Publications—C. E. Edinger, R. L. Scamehorn, P. S. Shoemaker, Walter Haynes.

On Sabbath-schools—S. W. Stone, C. W. Miller, F. C. Holden.

On Reforms—W. C. Muffitt, George Laubach, G. W. C. Smith, Walter Porter.

On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—H. A. Millican, George Laubach.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—William Pearce, F. L. Baker, S. W. Stone, Robert McFate, Walter Haynes.

To Visit Spring Arbor Seminary—F. L. Baker, C. W. Miller.

On Reporting to the Press—A. Bradfield.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

F. L. Baker, time expires 1912; W. C. Muffitt, time expires 1911; George Laubach, time expires 1910.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

F. L. Baker, chairman; P. E. Vincent, secretary; W. C. Muffitt, treasurer; John Knecht, Robert McFate.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sabbath-schools—C. W. Miller,

On Education—H. A. Millican.

On Publications—A. Bradfield,

On Reforms—W. C. Muffitt.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE MINISTERS' MUTUAL AID SOCIETY

W. C. Muffitt, president; G. W. C. Smith, secretary and treasurer; G. H. Peters, L. H. Mulholland, I. Mudge, F. P. Russell, H. D. F. Gaffin, W. S. Mulholland, B. R. Jones, W. B. Olmstead, A. Bradfield, S. W. Stone, L. G. Lewis, D. J. VanAntwerp, O. M. Shaw, B. J. Vincent, J. G. Anderson, J. R. Poet, Earl Hendrix, C. W. Miller, P. S. Shoemaker, H. Montgomery, Howard F. Aiken, W. D. Kingsley.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Burton R. Jones, president; William C. Muffitt, treasurer; Frank L. Baker, secretary; George D. Pretty, William Kenworthy.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Hattie M. Baker, president; Mrs. Belle Champion, secretary; Miss Kate Martin, treasurer; Mrs. Julia Muffitt, president of Junior society; Mrs. Martha Stone, corresponding secretary.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

Twenty-five cents per quarter for first three quarters, and an amount sufficient last quarter to meet full claim; Home Missions (10 cents per member).

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

H. Sawyer,	A. Bradfield,	P. E. Vincent,
G. W. C. Smith,	B. R. Jones,	F. P. Russell,
J. Baker,	R. L. Scamehorn,	C. W. Miller,
C. D. Paige,	G. H. Peters,	F. L. Baker,
J. N. Boyer,	George Laubach,	W. C. Muffitt,
D. J. Van Antwerp,	D. S. Warner,	A. T. Shumway,
J. R. Poet,	L. N. Cottrell,	A. V. Leonardson,
William Rennie,	J. G. Fortress,	S. A. McGee,
B. J. Vincent,	C. E. Edinger,	A. E. Day,
S. W. Stone,	W. D. Kingsley,	P. S. Shoemaker,
H. Montgomery,	J. G. Anderson,	W. A. Hennesey.

DELEGATES

DeWitt Guy,	Tina Wolvin,	Walter Haynes,
William Phelps,	Coleman Narber,	Charles East,
Mary Brush,	Austin Smith,	Solomon Anstead,
Robert McFate,	F. C. Holden,	H. A. Spicer,
Matilda Daggit,	Frank Gage,	Grace Thompson,
Walter Porter,	H. A. Millican,	A. W. Dawson,
Alexander Doonan,	L. E. Chase,	Frank Downs,
George Clark,	Jasper Brock,	

2. Who are the stationing committee? William Pearce, S. W. Stone, F. L. Baker, Robert McFate, Walter Haynes.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? Earl H. Hendrix, Nelson E. Tingley, G. K. Thompson, A. R. Hamilton, Leonard Larkins.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. G. Anderson, W. A. Hennesey.

6. Who are the deacons? J. G. Anderson, W. A. Hennesey.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? A. E. Day, J. G. Fortress.

8. Who have located this year? A. T. Shumway.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? N. E. Tingley.

10. Who are the superannuated, or worn-out preachers? H. Sawyer, A. Bradfield, G. W. C. Smith, A. V. Leonardson, P. E. Vincent.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? H. Montgomery, from the East Michigan conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer? A. E. Day, Burton J. Vincent, C. E. Edinger, P. S. Shoemaker.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-20. See statistics.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers? H. Sawyer, \$110; G. W. C. Smith, \$125; A. Bradfield, \$150; A. V. Leonardson, \$150; P. E. Vincent, \$150.
- 22, 23. See statistical reports.
24. See list of appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Coldwater, Michigan, the time as near the third Wednesday in August, 1910, as will suit the convenience of the bishop.

MISCELLANEOUS

The forty-fifth annual session was held in the Free Methodist church at Adrian, Michigan, August 25-28, 1909. Five sittings were held: one on Wednesday, one on Thursday, one on Friday, and two on Saturday.

The following ministers were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats: J. A. Vore, of the North Indiana conference, who has supplied a work in our conference the past year; Rev. A. Heninger, of the Methodist Protestant church; Rev. J. A. Watson, of the North Michigan conference, who was present in the interests of the publishing house; E. S. Jennings, of the Ohio conference; also G. A. Olmstead and C. W. Smith, of the Ohio conference; W. F. Matthewson, our returned missionary from Japan.

All were very glad to greet our newly elected bishop, William Pearce, who presided in such an able, genial and spiritual manner.

Judging by the entertainment so hospitably afforded by the residents of Adrian and vicinity, the conference was one of the largest ever held, the entertainment meeting the needs of about 200 people.

The services of the resident pastor, C. W. Miller, were rendered freely, and with due care for the needs of all concerned, and were much appreciated.

Over four hundred dollars was raised Sabbath morning to pay for the repairing and painting of the church and parsonage at Adrian.

A missionary meeting was held Sabbath afternoon under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Brother W. F. Matthewson, returned missionary from Japan, gave an interesting account of that people—their manner of life—and the converts in that land. Over \$350 was raised in cash and subscriptions for our foreign work. The W. F. M. S. reported \$1,167.85 raised during the year.

A service was held in the interests of Christian education. H. A. Millikan, principal of Spring Arbor Seminary, had charge of the same. Several of the teachers took part in the service. New interest was awakened in supporting our school. A goodly number signed one dollar a year for ten years. One brother decided to give the seminary \$1,200 right away, and draw interest from the school on the same instead of leaving it in his will.

The general missionary board were requested by the conference to grant the pastor at Hillsdale \$75.

The committee appointed last year to arrange for the holding of a semi-centennial camp-meeting reported the same would be held June 22 to July 4, inclusive, in 1910. The place where the meeting is to be held will be decided later.

APPOINTMENTS

DETROIT AND SPRING ARBOR DISTRICT—S. W. STONE, District Elder, Spring Arbor, Michigan

Detroit.....G. H. Peters, 681 Trombly avenue, Detroit, Michigan
 Ypsilanti and Wayne.....F. P. Russell, Ypsilanti, "
 New Boston and Texas.....G. K. Thompson, New Boston, "
 Waltz, Carlton and Sumpter.....Leonard Larkins, Carlton, "
 Milan, Oakville and East Church.....W. D. Kingsley, Milan, "
 *Temperance, Ida and Whiteford.....P. S. Shoemaker, supply, Temperance, "
P. S. Shoemaker, supply, Temperance, "
 Petersburg, Town Line and Prairie...W. A. Hennesey, Deerfield, "
 Adrian, Blissfield and Madison.....C. W. Miller, 120 Frank street, Adrian, "
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 Ridgeway, Holloway, Wellsville and Tecumseh.....James Curtis, supply, Britton, "
James Curtis, supply, Britton, "
 Jasper and Seneca.....Ida L. Gage, supply, Jasper, "
 Spring Arbor, Eckford and Hanover..H. Montgomery, Spring Arbor, "
 *Jackson and Parma.....D. J. VanAntwerp, supply, 307 East Wilkins street, Jackson, "
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Burton R. Jones, bishop, 918 Francis street, Jackson, Michigan; D. S. Warner, editor of Sunday-school literature, Glen Ellyn, Illinois; B. J. Vincent, A. E. Day, P. S. Shoemaker, granted certificates of good standing with a view to transfer; J. R. Poet, supplying work in the Colorado conference, N. E. Tingley, supernumerary; P. E. Vincent, superannuated, Spring Arbor, Michigan; H. Sawyer, superannuated, London, Michigan; A. V. Leonardson, superannuated, Owosso, Michigan.

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT—F. L. BAKER, District Elder, 311 Phelps avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Kalamazoo.....W. C. Muffitt, 509 Jasper street, Kalamazoo, Michigan
 Battle Creek.....J. Baker, 22 North Division street, Battle Creek, "
 Decatur.....To be supplied
 Lawrence and Hartford.....Earl H. Hendrix, Lawrence, Michigan
 Bainbridge, Pipestone, Watervliet and Keeler.....J. A. Vore, supply, Watervliet, R. F. D., "
J. A. Vore, supply, Watervliet, R. F. D., "
 Coloma and Fish schoolhouse.....A. R. Hamilton, Coloma, "
 South Haven.....William Rennie, 265 Broadway, South Haven, "

S. A. McGee, left without an appointment, paragraph 94, of Discipline, Sunfield, Michigan; A. Bradfield, superannuated, Decatur, Michigan; F. L. Baker, member of the Kalamazoo district quarterly conference.

COLDWATER DISTRICT—F. L. BAKER, District Elder

Coldwater and Bethel.....J. G. Anderson, 145 South Jefferson street, Coldwater, Michigan
J. G. Anderson, 145 South Jefferson street, Coldwater, Michigan
 South Quincy and Algansee.....E. S. Jennings, supply, R. F. D. 5, Coldwater, "
E. S. Jennings, supply, R. F. D. 5, Coldwater, "
 Sherwood, Athens and Union City.....L. N. Cottrell, Sherwood, "
 Colon and Sturgis.....To be supplied
 Frontier and Ransom.....J. G. Fortress, Frontier, Michigan
 Hillsdale.....George Laubach, Hillsdale, "
 Hudson.....R. L. Scamehorn, Hudson, "

C. E. Edinger, granted a certificate of good standing with a view of transfer; C. D. Paige, J. N. Boyer, left without appointment, paragraph 94 of Discipline; G. W. C. Smith, superannuated, Coldwater, Michigan; A. T. Shumway, located according to paragraph 94 of Discipline.

*Appointments arranged after conference session.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Josephine Holden, South Quincy, Michigan	Mrs. Mary E. Edinger Bennet, Adrian, Michigan
Mrs. Mary Osman, Coldwater, Michigan	Mrs. Minnie E. Shoemaker, Temperance, Michigan
Mrs. Marion Rennie, South Haven, Michigan	Eunice Stoddard....Milan, Michigan
	Mrs. Lucy M. Bovee, Detroit, "
Mrs. Ida L. Gage, Jasper, Michigan	

LOCAL DEACONS AND ELDERS

Lewis E. Chase....Jackson, Michigan	William McKay, Spring Arbor, Michigan
James Linn....Ridgeway, "	igan
A. L. Dewey.....Addison, "	Bernard Boon.....Detroit, Michigan
L. L. Warner.....Adrian, "	Goldsmith Dean....Hudson, "

CONFERENCE ROLL OF PREACHERS

Year Admitted into Full Connection	Name	Year Admitted into Full Connection	Name
1869.....	A. V. Leonardson.	1892.....	G. H. Peters.
1870.....	H. Sawyer,	1892.....	W. C. Muffitt,
1870.....	B. R. Jones,	1893.....	F. L. Baker,
1875.....	A. Bradfield.	1893.....	William Rennie,
1877.....	P. E. Vincent.	1896.....	L. N. Cottrell,
1877.....	G. W. C. Smith,	1898.....	George Laubach,
1883.....	S. A. McGee,	1900.....	D. J. VanAntwerp,
1884.....	S. W. Stone.	1900.....	A. T. Shumway,
1885.....	P. S. Shoemaker,	1900.....	W. D. Kingsley,
1887.....	D. S. Warner.	1901.....	B. J. Vincent,
1887.....	F. P. Russell,	1902.....	J. R. Poet.
1888.....	J. Baker,	1905.....	J. G. Fortress.
1889.....	R. L. Scamehorn,	1906.....	A. E. Day.
1889.....	C. E. Edinger,	1907.....	J. A. Vore,
1890.....	C. W. Miller,	1909.....	J. G. Anderson,
1890.....	H. Montgomery,	1909.....	W. A. Hennesey.
1891.....	C. D. Paige,		

TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE MISSION FUND—Amount paid, \$63.25. Disbursed by treasurer before conference, \$40.00; paid out at conference for the coming year: C. E. Edinger, \$5; Carlton, \$5; Holloway, \$5; Bainbridge, \$5; Battle Creek, \$3.25.

GENERAL MISSIONS FUND—Apportioned, \$152.25; paid, \$150.97.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND—Apportioned, \$101.50; paid, \$95.50.

PERMANENT FUND—Apportioned, \$50.75; paid, \$45.75.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$456.75.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Apportioned and paid, \$182.70.

TO PUBLISH THE MINUTES—\$25.35.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$10.98.

CHILDREN'S FUND—\$10.78.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—\$368.13.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$949.75.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON REFORMS

While our distinctive mission as a church is "to spread scriptural holiness over the land," yet we wish to identify ourselves with every reform movement for the betterment of men, and especially take our position against everything that in its tendency draws men away from righteousness, or keeps them from being saved.

Reform, as defined by Webster, means to create or shape anew, especially to put into a new and improved form or condition. This being the case, the mission of your committee is to call attention to the things recognized by us as pertaining to godliness, and from which we see a departure. We hail with inexpressible joy the mighty wave of temperance sentiment and legislation that is sweeping over the southland, the many counties and cities of the North; and Idaho and Wyoming in the West are without saloons, except in incorporated towns; Wyoming's law becoming effective January first imposes a tax of \$1,000 on all saloons in her cities. Old Virginia has seventy-one counties dry, and ten of her nineteen cities are without saloons. Out of forty-two counties in South Carolina twenty-one are dry, and the rest are considering the closing of all her liquor dens, all of which should encourage us in maintaining our position against this evil of all evils, and not to cease to cry and vote against it until the last saloon is closed, and our homes, our boys and our girls, are safe from this awful curse.

We are glad to note a continued adherence of our people to our established issues along the line of secrecy, tobacco and Romanism. To us the worst foe we have to meet is formalism, and we are fearful of a so-called Christian society or people, who have but a "form of godliness and deny the power thereof." Therefore,

Resolved, That we will have no affiliation with any society, of any name, who do not have for their standard "Holiness unto the Lord," but we will come out from among them and be, and remain separate.

With the Texas conference and others we shudder as we are brought face to face with this ever increasing evil—divorce. Destroy the sacredness of the marriage relation and the home, and you corrupt society at its fountain head. Many of our courts are so lax on this question, that it is an easy matter to obtain a divorce on very trivial grounds. The cause of this is the loss of first love, or lack in the beginning or indiscretion on the part of one or the other of the home, in undue intimacy with the opposite sex.

We are very thankful that our conference has had no occasion for a committee on ministerial relations, and we would emphasize the command of the Discipline, that both ministers and laity conduct themselves prudently among women, so there be no occasion on any line for the awful reproach that comes to the cause of God from any deviation or imprudence. We shall have no trouble if we obey the Word, which says, "Husbands, love your wives."

We see an increasing tendency everywhere to disregard the command, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." We stand as heretofore opposed to all forms of business transactions on the Lord's day, Sunday traveling, except in necessitous cases in order to attend church; Sunday visiting, or worldly conversation that grieves the Holy Spirit.

We wish to reaffirm our position regarding plainness of dress. "Dame Fashion" has not gone out of business, and while we see but little departure along the line of so-called great things, yet with her changes the world is taken up and we are sorry to see some among us who are attracted and to some extent follow in her ways. Our standard has been, is, and ought forever to be, "which becometh women (men also) professing godliness." Such being the case we shall not cease to cry against the catering to the freakish, heathenish changes seen in the style of hair dressing, which makes it seemingly necessary to wear extra ornamental combs; and while they may not wear a "rat" or false puff, yet it grieves us to see any imitation even, of it. "Let us stand by the old landmarks." The use of lace and embroidery

among us as Free Methodists is increasing at too great a rate, as seen in fancy collars and on underwear which may be seen so clearly through the thin, immodest waists. No one among us should desire, let alone follow, the fashion originating among lewd women who dress so as to be seen of men; and we therefore recommend that all our preachers cry aloud and spare not against all conformity to the world.

Beloved, let us remember, preachers and laymen, brethren and sisters, our confession of faith; that we are strangers and pilgrims on the earth; "and they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country * * * * that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for He hath prepared for them a city." "Let us go forth therefore unto Him without the camp, bearing His reproach."

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

SPRING ARBOR, DETROIT, KALAMAZOO AND COLDWATER DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
SPRING ARBOR DISTRICT							\$641 98					
Spring Arbor and Parma.....			\$ 92 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 500 00	\$100	117 25	\$ 25 60	1	\$ 200	1	\$1500
Jackson.....	\$ 73		41 23	1 75	616 38	120	40 62		1	2000	1	1500
DETROIT DISTRICT												
Detroit.....	3 00	\$ 1 00	83 16	5 30	944 75	120	104 50	33 00	1	4000	1	2500
Ypsilanti and Wayne.....			25 00	2 10	279 42	108	39 80	2 00	1	2300		
New Boston and Texas.....			19 00	1 35	369 61	60	52 42		2	1800	1	500
Milan, Carlton and Sampter.....					224 81	36	24 22	6 00	2	1500	1	800
Milan, Oakville and East Church		1 00	20 94	3 20	521 19	100	61 08	10 36	2	2000	1	1300
Temperance, Ida and Whiteford			42 26	1 45	433 00	60	41 55		3	3000	1	1000
Blissfield, Petesburg, etc.....	1 05		10 00	80	234 21	60	35 81	5 00	4	3000	1	750
Ridgeway, Holloway, etc.....			19 83	1 40	310 98	40	25 94	3 60	3	2500	1	500
Adrian and Madison.....			59 04	2 55	559 11	120	64 62	29 04	2	3000	1	2000
Jasper and Seneca.....			14 80	80	156 52		30 17		1	1000	1	700
KALAMAZOO DISTRICT							661 28					
Kalamazoo.....	3 45	4 50	103 96	3 45	800 00	150	96 25	31 64	1	4500	1	2500
Battle Creek.....			41 84	2 50	630 74		48 10	25 00	1	3000		
Decatur and Keeler.....				60			12 44		2	1700		
Lawrence and Hartford.....			10 00	90	203 24	60	45 76		2	3000	1	1000
Rainbridge, Pipestone, etc.....		2 03	21 78	1 30	288 77	50	33 09		3	1800	1	1000
Coloma and Fish schoolhouse.....			19 18	1 85	390 60	60	41 88	12 48	1	2400	1	1200
South Haven.....			25 00	2 25	359 30	96	40 03	28 45	1	1200	1	1400
COLDWATER DISTRICT												
Coldwater and Bethel.....			39 38	1 85	395 25	96	60 83	8 00	2	4837	1	1300
South Quincy and Alganssee.....	1 75		40 00	2 85	420 00	100	90 91		2	1800	1	760
Servod, Athens, Colon, etc.....	1 00	1 40	43 00	1 90	625 01	72	43 01	8 00	2	2000	1	600
Frontie and Ransom.....				1 80	426 00	50	74 35	8 00	2	2000	1	1000
Hillsdale.....			20 00	1 45	174 45	80	25 78	4 75	1	3000	1	1000
Hudson.....		85	10 15	1 35	434 76	60	43 85		1	1000	1	1000
Total.....	\$10 98	\$ 1078	\$ 788 65	\$45 75	\$10218 00	1798	\$1303 26	\$ 240 92	44	\$ 58537	22	\$25750

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

SPRING ARBOR, DETROIT, KALAMAZOO AND COLDWATER DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER										Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claims	Woman's Foreign Societies	
SPRING ARBOR DISTRICT																											
Spring Arbor and Parma.....	S. W. Stone, District Elder										92	33	125	2	1	11	160	30	\$ 42.30	\$ 16.92	\$ 2.68	\$ 14.10	\$ 5.00	\$180.00
Jackson.....	A. D. Warren, supply. H. Montgomery, supply.										39	2	41	2	1	12	57	8	15.75	6.30	2.45	5.25	3.60	.....	\$ 10.08	.....
DETROIT DISTRICT																											
Detroit.....	S. W. Stone, District Elder										105	17	122	1	1	15	70	11	47.70	19.08	7.42	15.90	10.60	.....	.....	214.00
Xpsilanti and Wayne.....	D. J. Van Antwerp										43	3	46	1	1	8	63	7	18.90	7.56	2.94	6.30	4.20	.....	50.00	2.00
New Boston and Texas.....	F. P. Russell										28	8	36	1	2	8	40	6	12.60	4.86	1.89	4.05	2.70	.....	.....	162.00
Waltz, Carlton and Sumpter.....	G. K. Thompson										20	1	21	1	1	12	35	5	11.70	4.08	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.00
Milan, Oakville and East church	N. E. Tingley, supply										57	8	65	1	2	12	35	8	28.80	11.52	2.50	9.60	6.40	.....	40.25	.....
Temperance, Ida and Whitford.....	W. D. Kingsley										31	3	34	1	1	15	70	5	13.65	5.22	2.03	4.35	2.80	.....	5.00	35.00
Bitfield, Petoskey, own line, etc	P. S. Shoemaker										15	1	16	1	1	4	23	7	7.20	2.88	1.12	2.40	1.80	.....	.....	.....
Ridgeway, Holloway, Wellsville, etc	W. A. Hennessy										26	1	27	1	1	8	20	7	12.60	5.04	1.46	4.20	2.60	.....	.....	.....
Adrian and Madison.....	Leonard Larkins										48	12	60	3	1	14	94	3	22.95	9.18	3.57	7.05	5.10	.....	19.25	46.25
Jasper and Seneca.....	U. W. Willers										15	1	16	1	1	6	34	3	7.20	2.88	1.12	2.40	1.80	.....	.....	1.00
KALAMAZOO DISTRICT																											
Kalamazoo.....	F. L. Baker, District Elder										75	20	95	1	1	14	100	12	31.05	12.42	4.88	10.35	6.90	.....	147.00	187.20
Baldwin and Keeler.....	W. O. Muffitt										50	1	51	1	1	11	60	5	22.60	9.00	3.50	7.50	5.00	.....	.....	31.17
Lawrence and Hartford.....	R. L. Scamehorn										9	1	10	1	1	3	20	3	5.40	2.16	1.84	1.80	1.20	.....	.....	.....
Banbridge, Pipestone, Watervliet.....	D. Brown, supply										14	3	17	1	1	13	65	3	8.10	3.24	1.35	2.70	1.80	.....	1.41	.....
Coloma and Fish schoolhouse.....	Earl H. Hendrix										26	5	31	1	2	12	65	3	11.70	4.68	1.82	3.90	2.60	.....	8.13	.....
South Haven.....	J. A. Vore, supply										38	4	42	1	1	8	35	8	20.65	8.10	2.59	5.95	3.70	.....	.....	45.00
COLDWATER DISTRICT																											
Coldwater and Bethel.....	A. R. Hamilton										38	7	45	1	1	9	40	4	20.65	8.10	3.15	6.75	4.50	.....	.....	.....
South Quincy and Algonac.....	F. L. Baker, District Elder										49	6	55	1	2	11	60	7	16.65	6.66	2.59	5.55	3.70	.....	45.00	.....
Sherwood, Athens, Union O'Y.....	J. G. Anderson										60	9	69	2	2	14	100	6	25.65	10.26	3.94	8.55	5.70	.....	11.65	19.13
Frontier and Ransom.....	George Leubach										40	3	43	2	10	75	15	12	16.20	6.84	2.65	5.70	3.80	.....	15.00	.....
Hillsdale.....	L. N. Ottrell										38	1	39	2	1	8	28	4	16.20	6.48	2.62	5.40	2.90	.....	4.00	4.00
Hudson.....	J. G. Fortess										22	1	23	1	1	6	28	4	13.05	5.22	1.89	4.05	2.70	.....	11.36	.....
Total.....	C. E. Edinger										1025	149	1174	18	8	218	1290	176	\$ 456.75	\$ 182.70	\$ 63.25	\$ 150.97	\$ 95.50	.....	\$ 388.13	\$849.76

EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-sixth Annual Session, held at Saginaw,
Michigan, August 18-21, 1909

OFFICERS

WILLIAM PEARCE, *President*

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COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—William Pearce, F. J. Calkins, S. H. Porterfield, W. W. Hoyt, M. DeVoist, W. J. Hallead, A. E. Warren.

On Church Literature—A. J. Stevens, A. D. Warren, E. M. Field.

On Raising Funds for Publishing the Minutes—A. S. Stambaugh, H. L. Yakes.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Sabbath-schools—E. B. Call, W. G. Roe, Lee Cole, Harry Baker.

On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—C. E. Caswell, N. M. Cooke, H. Barnes, Charles Link, John Gannsey.

On Reforms—J. H. McMillan, Bion Voorhess, F. L. Crandall, F. T. Roberson.

On Education—W. J. Jackson, H. Voorhess, Bert Green.

On Auditing the Treasurer's Accounts—J. P. Burdett, L. Snyder.

On Claimants and Claims—William Pearce, F. J. Calkins, M. DeVoist, L. Fletcher, D. P. Morse.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

On the State of the Work—The district elders.

On Charities—M. E. Howard, W. E. Hosmer, Robert Parker.

On Finance—F. J. Calkins, W. W. Hoyt, H. Voorhess.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

W. W. Hoyt, J. N. Wilson, W. J. Jackson, D. P. Morse, John Scott.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

E. D. Hartley, president; W. H. Iles, secretary; B. F. Doolittle, treasurer; Sylvester Lockwood, William Ragen.

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N. M. Cooke, for three years, chairman; M. L. Bovee, for two years; S. H. Porterfield, for one year.

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M. L. Bovee, 742 Milwaukee avenue E., Detroit, Michigan

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S. H. Porterfield, M. DeVoist.

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ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

The conference ordered that all conference claims be raised during the first six months of the conference year.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Church Literature—N. M. Cooke, *On Sabbath-schools*—E. D. Hartley,
On Education—A. E. Warren, *On Reforms*—H. Barnes.
On Charities—F. L. Crandall.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE FOR NEXT YEAR

M. DeVoist, W. W. Hoyt.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

S. Johnson,	I. Mudge,	J. W. Currier,
M. DeVoist,	C. D. Hoadley,	D. C. Embery,
F. J. Calkins,	W. W. Hoyt,	S. G. Bartlett,
E. D. Hartley,	H. Voorhess,	W. H. Iles,
A. Tice,	M. Cuthbert,	B. F. Doolittle,
M. L. Bovee,	A. S. Stambaugh,	S. H. Porterfield,
J. N. Wilson,	William Rumley,	F. E. Crippen,
W. H. Haight,	W. G. Roe,	J. A. Spencer,
Bion Voorheis,	W. E. Hosmer,	S. J. Reed,
W. J. Jackson,	A. J. Stevens,	J. P. Burdett,
W. J. Hallead,	N. M. Cooke,	A. E. Warren,
A. D. Warren,	E. B. Call,	M. E. Howard,
J. H. McMillan,	C. E. Caswell,	F. L. Crandall,
H. L. Yakes,	H. Barnes,	W. S. Mulholland,
R. R. Haight,	M. W. Hoyt,	G. I. Chalker,
A. E. Thomas,	F. J. Selman,	

DELEGATES

E. M. Field,	W. Currie,	W. S. Ormston,
Harry Baker,	D. E. Dean,	John Dewitt,
Seymore Pratt,	A. H. Matthews,	John Gannsley,
Charles Stanlake,	Emma Robson,	J. R. Smith,
Luther Mills,	W. H. Dorman,	John Schontz,
C. T. Ford,	W. Clayton,	W. Leavitt,
F. Brace,	C. H. Smith,	Clark Glazier,
R. Parker,	Louis Snyder,	George Shannon,
William Ragen,	F. T. Roberson,	D. P. Morse,

DELEGATES—Continued

Lee Cole,
O. H. Babcock,
Lawrence Fletcher,
William Blagden,
Alice Vanamburg,
W. H. Bunce,
Bert Green,
Adam Hart.

A. E. Coats,
John Scott,
Marietta Dean,
J. T. Holthforth,
Kate Francisco,
V. S. Dean,
Harry Voller.

Uriah Cross,
James Parkhurst,
C. L. Stoddard,
J. C. Ackels,
Henry Downey,
Charles Link,
Sylvester Lockwood,

2. Who are the stationing committee? William Pearce, F. J. Calkins, M. DeVoist, W. W. Hoyt, S. H. Porterfield, D. P. Morse, Lawrence Fletcher, W. H. Bunce, Frank Brace.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Melvin Haller, James Morrish, J. W. Anderson, Fred McCarty.

4. Who remain on trial? R. E. Crouch, M. G. Powell, George A. Hosmer, Amos Bruff, A. E. Potbury.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? M. W. Hoyt, G. I. Chalker, A. E. Thomas, T. J. Selman.

6. Who are the deacons? W. J. Jackson, W. E. Hosmer, E. B. Call, F. L. Crandall, H. L. Yakes, H. Barnes, R. R. Haight, M. W. Hoyt, G. I. Chalker, A. E. Thomas, T. J. Selman.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. A. Spencer, R. E. Crouch, M. Cuthbert, M. L. Bovee.

10. Who are the superannuated, or worn-out, preachers? S. Johnson, C. D. Hoadley, J. W. Currier, F. E. Crippen, B. F. Doolittle, I. Mudge, A. Tice, D. C. Embury, W. Rumley, E. D. Hartley, J. P. Burdett.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? W. S. Mulholland, from the Michigan conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? Bion Voorheis, to the California conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical reports.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? Maggie Davis, \$60; Maggie Sage, \$150; I. Mudge, \$50; J. W. Currier, \$50; B. F. Doolittle, \$75; J. P. Burdett, \$45; E. D. Hartley, \$75; S. Johnson, \$90; D. C. Embury, \$50; William Rumley, \$40; A. Tice, \$60; F. E. Crippen, \$25.

22, 23. See statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? The conference ordered that the next session be held not earlier than the first Wednesday and not later than the third Wednesday in September, 1910; the fixing of the place was left with the district elders.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-sixth session of the conference was held in Saginaw, Michigan, in connection with a camp-meeting, August 18-21, 1909. Five sittings were held.

Bishop William Pearce presided with grace and acceptability. He preached three times with unction and power from on high. His addresses to the conference also were much appreciated. The business was done with dispatch and a spirit of harmony prevailed.

B. Winget, missionary secretary, and his estimable wife, were present, which added to the interest. A good missionary meeting was held Sabbath afternoon.

The interests of the publishing house were attended to by Rev. J. A. Watson.

J. A. Watson, J. A. Phillips and F. A. Smith, of the North Michigan conference; B. Winget, missionary secretary; B. E. Allen and E. Yager, of the Methodist Episcopal church, were introduced, and invited to honorary seats in the conference.

The religious services were good, and a goodly number were saved and wholly sanctified during the meeting. The appointments were well received and all were ready to hasten to their fields of labor.

When the vote for district elders was counted it was found that S. H. Porterfield, W. W. Hoyt, M. DeVoist and H. Voorhess had been elected on the first ballot.

M. DeVoist was made a committee to prepare suitable blanks for the use of the treasurer's of the official boards, so, all treasurers may apply to him for their blanks.

A collection was ordered to be taken on each circuit during the first quarter for Indian missions, the same to be sent to the district elder of the Bay City district.

The general missionary board was requested to appropriate \$50 to Port Huron mission, and \$40 to the Walker, LeGrand and Wolverine circuit.

The conference ordered that a sum equal to twenty cents per member be raised for Home Missions, out of which the following appropriations were made: Bay City district elder, \$50; Port Huron mission, \$75; Owosso and Corunna, \$50; Montrose, \$20; Harbor Beach, \$20; Alamando, \$25; Arenac and Maple Grove, \$20; Lupton and Sage, \$20; Walker, LeGrand and Wolverine, \$20.

A rising vote of thanks was given the president, the secretaries, the treasurer, and the pastor and the church of Saginaw.

APPOINTMENTS

ST. JOHNS DISTRICT—MYRON DEVOIST, District Elder, 738 Lingle Avenue, Owosso, Michigan

St. Johns and South Ovid.....		
.....Martha Cantley, supply, 307 Trowbridge street, St. Johns, Michigan		
Elsie, Ovid and Eureka.....	J. N. Wilson, Elsie,	"
Ithaca, North Star and Sickles.....	F. M. Brown, supply, Ithaca,	"
Racy, Fergus and Brant....	William Mowery, supply, R. D. 1, Elsie,	"
Durand.....	W. H. Iles, Durand,	"
Owosso and Corunna....	A. D. Warren, 708 Grand avenue, Owosso,	"
New Haven, Lennon and Forest.....		
.....M. Haller, Laura D. Haller, supply, Owosso, R. D.,		"
Locke and Perry.....	E. B. Call, Williamston, R. D.,	"
Williamston, Webberville and Dansville..	A. E. Warren, Williamston,	"
Lansing		To be supplied
South Lyon and Silver Lake.....	James Morrish, South Lyon, Michigan	
Porter, Bethany and Wheeler..	F. J. Selman, Breckenridge, R. D. 1,	"
Livingston.....	M. W. Hoyt, Fowlerville, R. D. 5,	"

S. Johnson, Saranac, Michigan, C. D. Hoadley, North Star, Michigan, J. W. Currier, Spring Arbor, Michigan, superannuated; J. A. Spencer, R. E. Crouch, Corunna, Michigan, supernumerary.

FLINT DISTRICT—S. H. PORTERFIELD, District Elder, Ovid, Box 465, Michigan
 Flint and Genesee.....F. J. Calkins, 724 Oak street, Flint, Michigan
 West Flint, Linden and Swartz Creek.....
R. R. Haight, Florence Haight, supply, Flint, R. D., "
 Davison, Cobb and Bassett.....W. J. Jackson, Davison, "
 Goodrich.....To be supplied
 Clio and Flushing.....F. McCarty, Flushing, Michigan
 Otisville.....N. M. Cooke, Otisville, "
 Montrose and Hazelton.....S. J. Reed, Montrose, "
 Germany and Holly.....E. T. Wright, supply, Fenton, R. D., "
 Hadley, Brandon and Oxford.....George Hosmer, Hadley, "
 Amy and Pontiac.....W. S. Mulholland, Amy, "
 Washington, Ray and Bruce.....J. H. McMillan, Washington, "
 Saginaw.....W. J. Hallead, 621 Clinton street, Saginaw, W. S., "

F. E. Crippen, Otisville, R. F. D., Michigan, B. F. Doolittle, Otisville, Michigan, superannuated; M. Cuthbert, Davison, Michigan, M. L. Bovee, 742 Milwaukee avenue, East, Detroit, Michigan, supernumerary; S. G. Bartlett, evangelist; Bion Voorheis, granted certificate of good standing with a view to transfer.

PORT HURON DISTRICT—HIRAM VOORHEIS, District Elder, 920 Stockton street, Flint, Michigan

Port Huron Mission
W. E. Hosmer, 1425 Elmwood street, Port Huron, Michigan
 Marine City.....To be supplied
 Kimball and China.....H. Barnard, supply, Smith Creek, R. D., Michigan
 Memphis.....M. E. Howard, Memphis, "
 Yale, Ball, Avoca and Laurel.....
C. E. Caswell, Vinnie Caswell, C. McCallum, supplies, Yale, "
 Sandusky.....H. Barnes, Sandusky, R. D., "
 Snover and Argyle.....F. L. Crandall, Snover, R. D., "
 Harbor Beach and Delaware....William Marvin, supply, Harbor Beach, "
 Ubly, Bad Axe and Meade.....A. E. Thomas, Ubly, "
 Wilmot and Evergreen.....E. Willerton, supply, Shabbona, R. D., "
 Caro and Akron.....H. C. Hammond, supply, Caro, R. D., "
 Mayville and Rich.....J. W. Anderson, Mayville, "
 Burnside and Lum.....D. E. Dean, supply, Burnside, R. D., "
 I. Mudge, Smith Creek, Michigan, A. Tice, superannuated.

BAY CITY DISTRICT—W. W. Hoyt, District Elder, 311 Stanton street, Bay City, Michigan

Bay City.....A. J. Stevens, 706 Lafayette street, Bay City, Michigan
 Bay City, West Side.....To be supplied
 Alamando and Crow schoolhouse.....
G. Southwell, supply, Coleman, R. D., Michigan
 Fraser, Kawkawlin and Garfield....M. G. Powell, Linwood, R. D., "
 Arenac, Maple Grove and Whitefeather.....
W. Knight, supply, Standish, R. D., "
 Moors Junction.....Arthur Arnold, supply, Sterling, R. D., "
 Gladwin.....A. S. Stambaugh, Gladwin, "
 Sherman and South Butman.....Charles Woods, supply, Gladwin, "
 Highwood and Mt. Forest.....Henry Anderson, supply, Estey, "
 Maple Ridge and Melita.....A. E. Potbury, Maple Ridge, "

West Branch, Campbells Corners and Edwards.....
G. I. Chalker, West Branch, Michigan
 Pinconning Indian Mission.....William Henry, supply, Alger, "
 Frost Lake and Indian Mission.....To be supplied
 Rose City.....W. G. Roe, Rose City, Michigan
 Lupton, South Branch and Sage.....G. Fahning, supply, Lupton, "

D. C. Embery, Lupton, Michigan; W. Rumley, Gladwin, Michigan; E. D. Hartley, Mt. Forest, Michigan, superannuated; W. W. Hoyt, member of Bay City district quarterly conference.

ALPENA DISTRICT—W. W. Hoyt, District Elder

Alpena and Long Lake...H. L. Yakes, 510 Saginaw street, Alpena, Michigan
 Wilson, Rayburn and Spratt.....Amos Bruff, Alpena, R. D., "
 Walker, LeGrand and Wolverine.....F. G. Wager, supply, Afton, "
 J. P. Burdett, Alpena, Michigan, superannuated.

LOCAL DEACONS

Robert Parker.....Corunna, Michigan A. Yates, M.D....Washington, Michigan
 E. H. PUNCHES.....Linden, " George Bartle, ...Shabbona, "
 D. P. Morse.....Sandusky, " John AndersonMayville, "
 William Knight....Standish, Michigan

ANNUAL CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Lucy M. Bovee.....Detroit, Michigan Eunice Doolittle . . Otisville, Michigan
 Jane WilsonElsie, " Maggie J. Sage...Port Huron, "
 Vinnie CaswellYale, " Moses Smith, West Branch,
 Emma L. Brown.....Racy, " R. D., Michigan
 Martha Cantley....St. Johns, Michigan

LOCAL PREACHERS

J. W. Wood.....Durand, Michigan J. Moore..Smith Creek, R. D., Michigan
 Levi Richards . . . Owosso, " J. UpperOtisville, "
 Thomas Jenkinson...Owosso, " L. J. Stiles.....Rushton, "
 Elias Roberts, Lapeer,R. F.
 D., Michigan Robert HallBurt, "
 E. T. Wright...Fenton, R. D., "
 J. King, 1710 Lyon street,
 Port Huron, Michigan J. Burnham, 787 Bay street,
 Saginaw, Michigan
 Bert AugsburgLennon, Michigan E Willerton, Shabbona, R.
 John TyrellSnover, " D., Michigan
 Andrew TyrellSnover, " O. H. Babcock....Gladwin, Michigan
 William Reid, Bad Axe, R.
 D., Michigan William EsserySnover, "
 George Southwell, Coleman,
 R. H. McClure....Gladwin, " R. D., Michigan
 D. A. Vanatter.....Alpena, " Victor Ransbury, Alpena,
 H. C. Hammond...Caro, R. D., " R. D., Michigan

LOCAL EVANGELISTS

Barbara HauberFlint, Michigan Cornelia Bensinger, Bad
 Mrs. J. O'Neil.....Bad Axe, " Axe, R. D., Michigan.
 Florence E. Haight, Flint, Janey Spencer
 R. D., Michigan

TREASURER'S REPORT

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Paid in, \$334.08.
 CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Paid in, \$835.20.
 GENERAL MISSIONS—Paid in, \$278.40.
 CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Paid in, \$371.20.
 CHURCH EXTENSION—Paid in, \$185.60.
 PERMANENT FUND—Paid in, \$92.80.
 EDUCATIONAL FUND—Paid in, \$7.00.
 CHILDREN'S FUND—Paid in, \$9.70.
 FOREIGN MISSIONS—Paid in, \$116.48.
 TOTAL, \$2,230.46.

M. L. BOVEE, Treasurer.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

The work of the Sunday-school presents an ever-widening field of Christian activity, developing as a permanent and useful factor in subduing evil and disseminating precious truth in the earth. It is one of the great world movements for righteousness; progressing slowly, yet deliberately, and often imperfectly; but like the time-worn and weather-beaten sign-board, it usually points in the right direction.

It is rightly associated with the church and church work, as much so as the preaching and prayer service, or as the missionary and benevolent enterprises. The best thought in modern Sunday-school work insists that the Sunday-school stands not merely for the little children of the church, to be taught by a handful of saints, but that the true Sunday-school is the entire body of the church. It is the duty of every church member to take part in it, either as learner or teacher.

The Sunday-school is the moral back-bone of the nation. In these days, when attempts are made in many places to exclude the Bible and all religious teaching from the public schools, the preservation of the Sunday-school is of highest importance. It is a vital factor in the training of our children for Christian manhood and womanhood. By precept and example in the Christian home and by the excellent modern system of teaching which now prevails in Sunday-schools generally the foundations of character are laid, and proper direction is given to the child's whole nature. There is no time so favorable to the right kind of spiritual development as childhood, and no place so fitting for making a start for the road that leads to true happiness, as the Sunday-school. It should be a fold for the tender lambs, a feeder for the greater church, a nursery ground for the gardens of heaven.

Be loyal to the Sunday-school. Support it, stand by it; give it the benefit of your presence and influence and count it as one of your absolute duties, if you have children to have them there; for it is the hope of the nation and of all Christendom. The religious education that to-day is so sadly neglected in many homes must be supplied if at all by the Sunday-schools. Even in many professed Christian homes of to-day there is very little religious instruction given to the boys and girls of those homes. Not only is the Sunday-school to touch the lives of our boys and girls but we must recognize the fact that the older members of society as well need the helpful influences of the Sunday-school. We are living in a fast age and people are being driven by the rush of business or blinded by the mad excitement of pleasure, so that comparatively few homes have time or any inclination for religious culture. The Sunday-school is the one agency that seeks to touch many of these lives by cultivating the habit of regular and intelligent Bible study. The Sunday-school movement to-day fairly glows with the warmth of religious activity and fervor, and is seeking to develop better, brighter and more helpful ways and means for blessing humanity, by bringing the masses into contact with

the life-giving fountain, and breaking to hungry and needy souls the bread of eternal life.

As a church body we may not find it practicable to adopt all the prevailing methods of modern Sunday-school work, but that excuse should not be taken as a covert under which to hide in pious do-nothing-ism. There are enough helpful ideas that we can use that will impart to us a splendid enthusiasm which, if directed by the Holy Spirit, will cause our own Sunday-school work to advance with leaps and bounds if we want it so. Consecrated devotion to this work is demanded. Our strongest men and women must throw themselves into the work as they do into the missionary work or preaching service. May we not, dare we not, shall we not take a forward step and a long one in our Sunday-school work this year?

II.—ON CHARITIES

WHEREAS, God in His wise providence has seen fit to place us together as communities and not alone in the midst of the earth, we become dependent one on the other, and as some are blessed with wealth or mental ability and physical strength to get it, while others are poor and unfortunate, it becomes the duty of the more able to help those who are needy. The poor are made especial mention of in the Holy Scriptures. A curse is upon the head of him who shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him. We are to show our faith by our works. As in the case of the good Samaritan, we are commanded to "go and do likewise."

The ushering in of the Christian dispensation was marked with great liberality and remembrance of the poor. Christianity has ever been noted for its homes for the fallen, asylums, missions, hospitals, etc. The Scriptures declare, "the Lord loveth a cheerful giver." The word "cheerful" in the original is "hilarious," from which we derive our word hilarious. Oh, for more hilarious givers!

We have within the borders of our own Zion some institutions that appeal to us for and are worthy of our support. Among these we would mention the Gerry Home, at Gerry, New York; another at Woodstock, Illinois; the Olive Branch Mission, etc. Let us remember that "the liberal soul shall be made fat;" and if we want a blessing that we cannot contain, to "bring all the tithes and offerings into the storehouse."

III.—ON REFORMS

Webster says to reform is to correct. As a church we have one main issue, "Holiness unto the Lord." We profess holiness, and we trust the Lord will help us to exemplify the same in our lives and teaching, so the world may know that we mean what we say.

We are glad to note that we stand for reforms, both moral and political. The gospel that we preach does what so many would-be reformers need to know. It reforms the individual.

THE DRESS QUESTION.—"Be not conformed to this world" has been preached and taught in the Free Methodist church ever since it has been in existence. But we are grieved to note that some in our beloved Zion are conforming to the world in dress instead of being transformed by the renewing of their minds. The wearing of gold is especially forbidden. The spirit of 1 Timothy 2:9 is that we should not wear it; and we exhort our ministers to let the trumpet have a certain sound on the question of dress. A reform is needed on neatness. Some seem to think that it shows a great degree of piety to be careless of their personal appearance. To be plain and neat and clean in person and attire is to our mind well-pleasing to God.

SABBATH DESECRATION.—As a nation we are rapidly losing our Sabbath. The Sabbath has come to be a day of pleasure. Ball games, picnics, excursions, with special attractions at the other end make the day one of hilarity instead of God's holy day.

SECRECY.—We have always been a unit against oath-bound secret societies, which we believe are contaminating to society, and are an enemy to the

cause of Christ which we love. They are robbing our churches of their congregations, and destroying the liberty of our country. Let us as a church in this matter as well as others continue to follow that Holy One who hath said, "In secret have I said nothing."

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.—The gilded saloon is the greatest curse in our fair land. One hundred thousand boys are annually started by the saloons to a drunkard's grave, and a drunkard's bell. It is a traffic that is responsible for the sins of idleness, vice, crime, murder, anarchy, and every other sin that is in the devil's calendar. Such a system cannot be licensed by any party without sinning against God and light. We fail to see how any Christian can vote for a party or man that favors such a diabolical sin. We exhort every Christian to vote the Prohibition ticket. The only solution to the saloon question is no saloons.

IV.—ON EDUCATION

We your committee submit the following:

Education is defined, "The developing of the human faculties, the imparting and acquiring of knowledge; technically, the training of the young physically, mentally and morally. There are two recognized systems: discipline or moral training, and instruction or mental development." This definition does very well, but the education which we commend strikes deeper into the soul, permeating it with vital principles of genuine godliness. Some decry education, but let not that note be heard among us, for the need is imperative—commercially, socially and religiously.

We may be, in some measure, successful without being educated; we may be religious without collegiate polish; but to insure symmetry of character and success in the work of the Lord, we must develop both mind and heart.

The advantages secured by a thorough education can scarcely be exaggerated. Of course some have risen from obscurity to fame without the benefits of early mental discipline; but who could measure the mental caliber of some of these, had they been more favored in youth?

"The primary object of education is to fit man for usefulness, and the limit of his usefulness is determined both by what he knows and what he is."

Mastering the arts and sciences is a good thing, but a correct education gives us a knowledge of ourselves, the relation we sustain to God and our fellows, and the end for which we were created. It is said: "An education under Socrates or Plato was that which brought the student to think, judge and act as far as possible like his Master, and which saturated him with his master's spirit." How much more should Christian education make a student to think, judge and act according to the standards and ideals furnished by the life of Jesus Christ, and saturate him with the spirit of his divine Master. Such wisdom obtained under suitable environments, coupled with godliness, will fashion the heart and head after God's ideal, and give to the church and world most noble specimens of manhood and womanhood.

If, then, we are to look for that knowledge which not only treats of men and things, but also of God and His will; if we may expect such disciplining of the powers of mind as shall qualify our children to meet the demands of the age; if our children may be educated so as to assure them success in the world and church, to whom shall we send them? Where may these ends be realized?

We are profoundly thankful to Almighty God, that He has secured to us halls of learning where we know the "ideals, aims, atmosphere and environments will make for the mental development and spiritual growth of the student; where, one has said, the Bible is revered as God's word and the world's great text-book of morals and religion."

No institution of learning or system of education can be relied upon for the formation of right character that belittles this Book, or fails to recognize its divine origin. Hence our people should patronize our seminaries and our

college at Greenville, Illinois, from which places large numbers of our young people have come forth to bless the world in lives of usefulness.

We earnestly and unhesitatingly recommend that our people express their appreciation of Spring Arbor Seminary by sending their children, by contributing of their means, and lastly, by offering earnest prayer for the success of the institution, and the blessing of the Lord upon the faculty.

V.—ON CHURCH LITERATURE

We believe it has been truthfully said that the lever that moves the world of mind is the printing-press; and truly the press of our land with its myriad-tongued utterances and its mission of thought to the world, both with the rising and setting sun, is a mighty factor for good or evil. We deplore the fact that so powerful an agency is not used to a greater extent in the promulgation of the gospel of Jesus Christ; and yet we feel gratified with what is being accomplished along some lines.

We are glad to say that in spite of the storms of criticism and infidelity that for ages have beaten upon that sacred book, the Bible, it holds from every point of view a higher place to-day than it ever did before. Sidney Collett informs us that one society alone, namely, the British and Foreign Bible Society, since its formation in 1804, has issued 198,515,199 Bibles, while in the year 1905 no less than 5,977,453 copies were issued in over four hundred different languages. This represents one copy every six seconds day and night, eleven copies every minute, 682 copies every hour, and 16,377 every day in the year. The record output was June 1, 1904, for one day, when eighty-one cases dispatched, representing nine tons of scripture in twenty-eight different languages.

Let us stop and think of the columns of light and truth pouring forth every day to all parts of the earth, yea, to the islands of the sea, and to the remote habitations of cruelty.

Outside the Bible, foremost in the ranks of reform, stern in its denunciations of sin, radical in its utterances, we have the 16-page weekly visitor in the form of *The Free Methodist*; then the spiritual, interesting and uncompromising *Olive Branch*, *The Missionary Tidings*, and our Sunday-school literature, which is second to none. Then there is *The Earnest Christian*, which, as an exponent of Bible holiness and experimental religion, has no peer. We feel that as Free Methodists we should give our hearty support to the literature of our church in preference to any other.

VI.—ON STATE OF THE WORK

ST. JOHNS DISTRICT.—In viewing the condition of the work on the St. Johns district, after another year of toil and self-sacrifice, we feel that we have great reason to rejoice because of God's manifold goodness in bestowing such a bountiful supply of grace, accompanied with a gracious endowment of the Holy Spirit, which is always an indispensable element in a true evangelical ministry. Oft in our wanderings to and fro from one gospel field to another in the interest of the cause of God and His church, we have been forced to exclaim in the language of Samuel, the prophet, when he took a stone and "set it between Mispheh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" (1 Sam. 7:12).

It is with pleasure that we note some features of the work on the district which ought to afford a great source of encouragement to the earnest toilers in the Master's vineyard, namely,

1. The unity of the spirit and perfect harmony that exists between the ministry and laity, and between each other in general. At our general gatherings there has not been a ripple to disturb the serene quietude of God's dear children. In our love-feasts and other testimony meetings, there have been no unwise and cruel thrusts, no cross piercing or belaboring each other, no flinging uncharitable taunts and unchristlike denunciations. The use of stinging personalities because some one present did not measure up to our ideals or notions, thus destroying our influence as a Christian community, killing

the interest of true religion and grieving the Holy Spirit of God, has not been indulged in. Herein we rejoice and come to express our devout thanksgiving for the law of love which has characterized our assemblies.

2. We believe, too, there has been an advance made spiritually on several of the circuits. The general tone of spirituality, if we are allowed to be the judge in such matters, is considerably improved over what it was a year ago. While a few of the fields have made but little or no advancement along these lines, yet as a whole there has been a widening out and a sinking deeper into the divine will, which has characterized God's saints, with a better and richer experience than hitherto. We have been forcibly sensible of the divine presence in our quarterly meetings and especially would we note the fact of our camp-meeting, which was held near Dansville, being a season of great uplifting to those who shared its blessings. Amen.

3. We have observed also with pleasure the ready will and cheerfulness with which the temporal interests of the church have been responded to as the various claims have been brought forward. Repairs and numerous improvements on church and parsonage property are noticeable here and there; at Durand a new roof on the church; at St. Johns the church debt has been paid off; at Locke a radical conversion has taken place in a much-needed barn for the pastor's horse. A new church has been built in the village of Williamston which is a credit to the town and an honor to the cause we represent. An additional parsonage has been bought in Dansville, which seems almost phenomenal, taking into consideration the enterprises and expenditures of the previous year. Much credit is due the pastor and his helper **who have labored unweariedly to promote these ends.** All our ministers sustained by a faithful laity and trust in God for help have been abundant in labors for the Master.

While these several interests have been carried forward with much self-sacrifice and consecration, yet there are some unpleasant features which ought to be considered:

1. We feel that there must be better remuneration by way of salaries paid our faithful pastors, as in most instances the work of the Lord will suffer in consequence. Tradesmen, mechanics, employees, farmers, etc., all receive an advance in pay or wages, and prices are proportionately higher than in other years; and, unless our ministers receive over what has been the rule hitherto to pay them, much harm cannot but result. Our church will be held in disrepute, and justly so. Our ministry will be supplied with inefficient men, or those who are clinging to this, their God-appointed duty, will be forced to divide their time between pastoral duties and secular pursuits, thus largely unfitting them for the arduous duties of the gospel ministry. We hope the church will recognize this fact and remedy this peril which confronts us, and so fix the salaries of her ministry at the beginning of the new year, so as to remove all embarrassment in this direction.

2. Another sad feature on St. Johns district, and elsewhere throughout our conference, is the number of churches unoccupied. Societies in several places have become nearly or quite extinct, and others likely to soon become so. Sanctuaries where once God's celestial glory blazed forth have been abandoned and meeting houses have become desolate. This to some of us who have traveled these fields in former years brings with it a sense of sadness. It appears to us that the only remedy for this is to organize and operate an efficient band of evangelistic workers under a competent leader, to enter these places and remain until the work is once more permanently established. We believe the time has come for some such action, or for some other feasible steps to be taken by this conference in the matter. So in conclusion we would here recommend that the four district elders be hereby appointed a committee to organize such a band so soon as possible, as per Discipline, and that they be authorized to draft a set of rules governing said band, and also at the earliest convenience provide such means as in their judgment seems best for meeting the expense and support of said band or bands while in the active work.—*Myron DeVoist.*

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

FLINT, ST. JOHNS, BAY CITY AND PORT HURON DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
FLINT DISTRICT							\$570 00					
Flint and Genesee.....		\$ 4 50	\$ 119 85	\$ 3 85	\$ 454 00	\$140	\$ 69 00	\$ 3 66	2	4000	1	\$ 2500
West Flint, Linden, etc.....	\$ 2 92		50 00	2 35	450 00	50	60 00	25 00	3	2400	1	500
Davidson and Goodrich.....			11 15	48	171 30	30		48 00	2	2000	1	1000
Clio and Flushing.....			3 50	1 05	102 00	57	28 00		2	1500		
Otisville.....			23 29	3 25	380 00	72	54 00	40 00	1	1000	1	1000
Montrose and Hazelton.....	1 50	1 65	13 85	2 15	218 81	50	38 00	25 00	2	2000	1	500
Germany and Holly.....			17 00	1 40	260 00	48	41 00	20 38	2	1800	1	1100
Brandon and Oxford.....			10 51		130 66	40	29 00		1	1000		
Amy and Pontiac.....			27 04	1 55	347 11	72	50 00		1	1000	1	500
Washington, Ray and Bruce.....			24 00	1 30	406 45		54 00		2	2000		
Hadley, Cobb and Bassett.....			10 36	1 70	250 00	50	42 00		1	1500	1	700
Saginaw.....			13 43	1 30	345 00	96	32 00		1	2000	1	2000
ST. JOHNS DISTRICT							501 00					
St. Johns and South Ovid.....			23 50	1 60	285 00	96	36 00		2	4500	1	1000
Elsie, Ovid and Eureka.....	3 00		55 00	2 65	345 22	66	44 00	60 00	3	2500	1	800
Ithica, North Star and Sickles.....			14 89	1 00	31 00	79	28 00		3	1000	1	700
Racy, Ferguson and Brant.....			51 48	3 35	352 25	36	41 00	3 00	4	2000	1	600
Durand and Gaines.....			27 79	1 35	321 08	100	32 00	6 00	1	1200	1	1000
Owosso and Corunna.....			20 00		275 00	72	25 00		2	2000	1	800
New Haven.....		1 00	21 68	80	134 35	60	24 00		1	1000	1	1000
Lennon and Forest.....			6 00	70	208 00	72	24 00		2	1200		
Locke and Perry.....		1 28	65 00	4 75	450 00	50	64 00		2	3500	1	800
Williamston, Webberville, etc.....			50 00	2 85	725 00	180	38 00	40 00	3	7500	2	2400
South Lyon and Silver Lake.....			8 68	85	132 00	60	24 00		2	1500	1	700
Porter, Methany and Wheeler.....			48 00	3 00	300 00	36	50 00		2	2500	1	600
Livingston.....	1 00		32 25	2 70	388 50	50	62 00		1	1200	1	800
* BAY CITY DISTRICT							550 00					
Bay City.....			26 13	1 70	360 00	72	40 00		1	1500	1	500
Bay City, West Side.....			16 00	50	70 00	84	20 00		1	1000	1	1200
Alamando and Crow schoolhouse.....			7 50		139 13	40	25 00		1	500	1	500
Fraser, Kawkawlin and Garfield.....	27		23 00	1 45	225 19		32 00	4 00	2	2000		
Aranac, Maple Grove, etc.....			45 67	2 80	360 00	50	38 00	23 00	2	1925	1	500
Gladwin and New Sanalac.....			32 60		123 32		21 00	1 00				
Highwood, Mt. Forest, Arbutus.....			32 15	2 50	363 03	50	43 00		2	2000	1	400
Maple Ridge and Melita.....			32 00	1 70	331 76							
West Branch, etc.....					05	15 57						
Pinoconning Indian Mission.....			40 00	1 90	237 38	75	43 00		2	2500	1	600
Rose City.....	2 50		6 00	1 01	173 13	30	21 00	15 00	1	200	1	450
Lupton, South Branch, Sage.....			14 07	22	311 20	84	35 00		1	900	1	700
Alpena and Long Lake.....			25 03	1 80	400 00		43 00		2	2400	1	600
Wilson, Rayburn and Spratt.....			12 00		120 00	60	21 00		1	80	1	100
Walker, LeGrande, Wolverine.....												
PORT HURON DISTRICT							544 53					
Port Huron.....			25 00		194 57		50 00	7 00	1	1000	1	500
Marine City and China.....			20 00			20	24 00		2	2000	1	300
Kimball and Avoca.....			10 00	1 45	338 87	29	28 00		1	600	1	325
Memphis and Richmond.....	1 30		38 00	2 20	425 75	75	46 00	10 00	2	1700	1	1000
Yale and Ball.....			38 00	1 65	400 00	77	46 00	13 00	2	2000	1	900
Sandusky.....			57 98	2 05	337 65	36	46 00		3	1600	1	500
Snover and Argyle.....			31 67	2 70	500 00	60	50 00		2	2100	1	700
Harbor Beach and Delaware.....				1 30	185 63	54	24 00		2	2800	1	900
Uby, Bad Axe and Meade.....			24 00	1 85	371 60	72	46 00	32 00	2	2100	1	900
Wilmet and Evergreen.....	1 20	1 20	18 00	2 30	185 47	38	38 00		1	800	1	700
Caro and Akron.....			15 00	90	230 25	25	33 50		2	1600	1	800
Mayville and Rich.....		2 07	34 40	1 15	349 23	48	36 00	7 93	2	1800	1	500
Burnside and Mayfield.....			15 00	1 00	181 00	24	30 00		1	500		
Total.....	\$11 19	\$14 20	\$1388 45	\$80 16	\$14336 46	2765	\$1858 50	\$ 393 98	88	\$ 89405 44	44	\$34675

* Frost Lake Indian Mission and Mikado, in Bay City district, are given as blank entirely.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

FLINT AND ST. JOHNS DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claims	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claims	Woman's Missionary Societies
FLINT DISTRICT	F. J. Calkins, District Elder																
	H. Vorhees.....	72	2	75	1	1	16	98	12	30	15	12	10	6	7	54	32
	West Flint, Linden, Swartz Creek.....	60	9	69	1	2	12	80	6	21	15	8	7	4	10	54	32
	Davison and Goodrich.....	18	1	19	1	1	5	30	2	13	50	5	4	3	7	54	32
	* F. J. Calkins.....	19	1	20	1	1	3	10	2	9	45	3	3	1	4	54	32
	Martha Cantley, supply.....	60	3	63	2	1	10	30	5	29	25	11	7	6	13	54	32
	N. M. Cooke.....	34	4	38	1	1	7	40	3	19	35	7	6	4	8	54	32
	Bion Vorhees.....	22	1	23	1	1	9	32	7	12	60	5	4	3	2	54	32
	George Hosmer.....	19	1	20	1	1	8	40	4	2	70	3	3	1	2	54	32
	J. F. Wilkinson, supply.....	31	2	33	1	1	12	45	3	13	95	5	6	3	2	54	32
	W. E. Hosmer.....	26	4	30	2	3	20	50	6	11	70	4	5	2	3	54	32
	W. E. McMillan.....	22	1	23	1	1	7	25	1	6	130	6	6	3	2	54	32
	J. H. Crouch.....	26	1	27	1	1	8	30	5	11	70	4	5	2	3	54	32
	W. S. Halead.....																
	Saginaw.....																
ST. JOHNS DISTRICT	M. DeVolst, District Elder																
	Marshall W. Hoyt.....	32	2	34	1	1	9	40	5	14	40	5	6	3	4	1	2
	St. Johns and South Ovid.....	54	5	59	2	3	18	140	13	23	55	9	9	5	3	9	12
	Elsie, Ovid and Eureka.....	20	1	21	1	1	7	25	4	9	80	3	3	2	10	9	12
	Ithaca, North Star and Sickle.....	71	3	74	1	3	18	95	6	34	15	12	10	6	7	1	6
	Racy, Purgus and Brant.....	29	1	30	1	1	9	33	9	14	85	4	4	2	4	1	6
	Durand and Gaines.....	42	4	46	3	2	12	50	5	14	55	6	6	3	3	11	7
	Owosso and Corunna.....	13	1	14	1	1	6	20	6	7	20	2	2	1	1	6	7
	New Haven.....	12	1	13	1	1	5	20	6	7	20	2	2	1	1	6	7
	Leeds and Perry.....	84	3	87	1	3	25	130	98	45	75	17	10	4	14	15	75
	Onondaga, Briggs, supply.....	71	11	82	1	3	32	100	13	29	65	10	9	5	10	10	10
	L. D. Haller, supplies.....	67	2	69	1	3	20	100	9	27	65	10	9	5	10	10	10
	W. E. Warren.....	67	2	69	1	3	20	100	9	27	65	10	9	5	10	10	10
	South Lyon and Silver Lake.....	67	2	69	1	3	20	100	9	27	65	10	9	5	10	10	10
	Porter, Bethany and Wheeler.....	54	1	55	1	1	8	75	11	24	30	9	8	10	5	24	30
	H. L. Yakes.....																
	W. S. Mulholland, supply.....																
	Livingston.....																
Total.....																	

* R. Parker for first six months.

BAY CITY AND PORT HURON DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER		Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claims	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claims	Woman's Society
* DAY CITY DISTRICT	W. W. Hoyt, District Elder																	
Bay City.....		A. J. Stevens.....	35	..	35	1	1	9	60	5	15-30	6-12	6-80	5-10	5-40	..	20-00	38-45
Ray City, West Side.....		A. J. Stevens, supply.....	12	..	12	1	1	6	20	2	4-50	1-80	2-00	1-50	1-00	..	..	..
Alamando and Crow schoolhouse.....		L. Mudge.....	23	..	23	1	1	6	20	2	9-00	3-60	4-00	3-00	2-00	..	..	..
Fraser, Kawkawlin and Gardfeld.....		Amos Bruf.....	34	11	45	3	11	100	4	15-30	6-12	6-80	5-10	5-23	..	..	..	..
Aracac, Maple Grove, w. Moore's J't.....		William Knight, supply.....	30	10	40	2	11	70	7	32-77	5-22	6-80	4-35	2-30	..	..	..	17-15
Gladwin and Mt. Sanalac.....		A. S. Stambaugh.....	50	28	76	2	6	33	200	4	25-25	10-60	11-20	8-40	5-60	..	..	13-76
Highwood, Mt. Forest and Arbustus.....		George Southwell, supply.....	20	1	21	2	5	8	20	2	22-50	3-60	4-00	3-00	2-00	..	..	14-66
Maple Ridge and Melita.....		A. Potbury.....	51	5	56	1	1	19	99	3	22-50	9-00	10-00	7-50	5-00	..	..	7-50
West Branch, Campbell's Cor., etc.....		E. Wright.....	36	7	43	2	14	99	3	15-30	6-12	6-80	5-10	3-40	..	..	..	10-00
Pineconing Indian Mission.....		William Henry.....	11	5	16	1	1	3	25	100	6	17-10	6-84	7-70	3-80	..	..	10-00
Rose City.....		W. G. Roe.....	28	..	28	1	3	25	100	6	17-10	6-84	7-60	5-75	3-80	..	..	10-00
Lupton, South Branch and Sage.....		Nathan White, supply.....	25	2	27	1	5	15	4	9-12	3-65	4-05	3-04	2-03	..	..	..	..
Alpena and Long Lake.....		G. I. Chalker.....	29	2	31	2	2	8	30	7	15-75	6-30	7-50	5-55	1-60	..	..	..
Wilson, Rayburn and Spratt.....		T. J. Selman.....	36	1	37	1	2	14	50	8	15-65	6-65	5-14	3-70	..	..	..	..
Walker, LeGrand and Wolverline.....		F. G. Vagar, supply.....	11	5	16	1	5	15	15	3	7-20	3-20	2-88	2-40	1-60	..	..	..
PORT HURON DISTRICT		S. H. Porterfield, District Elder																
Port Huron.....		Maggie J. Sage, supply.....	15	..	15	2	1	5	25	3	4-95	1-95	2-20	1-65	1-10	..	..	..
Marine City and Otna.....		S. Porterfield.....	28	1	29	2	2	18	40	3	12-00	3-20	4-00	2-60	1-31	..	..	..
Marine City and Otna.....		S. Porterfield.....	28	1	29	2	2	18	40	3	12-00	3-20	4-00	2-60	1-31	..	..	..
Mumbl and Otna.....		W. J. Barch.....	59	10	69	2	20	130	18	19-00	7-92	9-80	6-35	2-90	..	..	..	9-00
Yale and Ball.....		O. E. Caswell, V. V. Caswell, sup's.....	35	..	35	1	1	12	100	11	14-85	5-94	6-60	4-95	3-30	..	..	27-00
Sandusky.....		H. Barnes.....	47	9	56	1	3	22	200	7	18-45	7-38	8-20	6-20	4-10	..	..	55-40
Snover and Argyle.....		F. L. Crandall.....	54	2	56	3	2	14	90	10	24-30	9-72	10-80	8-15	4-10	..	..	45-67
Harbor Beach and Delaware.....		Claude McCallum, supply.....	27	1	28	1	2	11	70	3	11-70	4-65	5-20	3-90	2-60	..	..	..
Uby, Bad Axe and Meade.....		A. B. Thomas.....	37	8	45	1	2	12	80	12	16-65	6-66	7-40	5-50	3-70	..	..	10-00
Winlot and Evergreen.....		E. Willerton, supply.....	41	3	44	1	1	8	50	9	20-70	8-28	9-80	6-90	4-60	..	..	33-14
Caro and Akron.....		H. C. Hammond.....	18	13	31	1	1	10	35	6	8-10	3-24	3-80	2-70	1-80	..	..	..
Mayville and Rich.....		J. Anderson, supply.....	28	2	30	..	2	17	75	7	10-35	4-14	4-60	3-45	2-38	..	..	10-29
Burnside and Mayfield.....		George Bartle, supply.....	18	1	19	1	1	7	35	3	9-00	3-60	4-00	3-00	2-00	..	..	4-17
Total.....			1838	171	2009	45	14	606	2069	329	\$ 850 09	\$ 328 05	\$ 368 17	\$ 287 53	\$ 14 37	...	\$ 243 94	\$ 805 01

OHIO CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-first Annual Session, held at Delta, Ohio,
September 1-5, 1909

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C. W. SMITH, *Assistant Secretary*

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On Memoirs—John Timbers, J. W. Headley, J. E. Williams.

Auditing Committee—W. A. Sayre, E. N. Foulk.

On Reforms—H. W. Sanderson, G. A. Olmstead, R. Baker.

On Publications—John Timbers, F. C. Calkins, J. E. Crider.

On Education—W. A. Sayre, W. F. Matthewson, E. S. Jennings.

On Nominations—J. C. Sherburne, J. W. Headley, J. Hayden.

On Sunday-schools—W. B. Olmstead, O. L. Spencer, O. M. Shaw.

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CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—E. D. Crane,

On Education—E. F. Aiken,

On Publications—C. W. Smith,

On Sunday-schools—H. F. Hall.

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ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions; second quarter, Bishops' Salaries; third
quarter, Home Missions, Church Extension; fourth quarter, Conference
Claimants' Fund, Permanent Fund.

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DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. H. Hayden,
J. W. Headley,
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F. DeLong,
H. W. Sanderson,

J. A. Bolton,
E. D. Crane,
W. F. Matthewson,
B. B. Casto,
O. L. Spencer,
J. B. Thompson,
J. A. Hopkins,
C. W. Smith,
E. S. Jennings,
G. E. Conant,
J. M. Swain,
R. B. Niles,
H. Burse.

John Timbers,
O. M. Shaw,
E. A. Bryan,
W. J. Hampp,
O. L. Stricker,
E. F. Aiken,
H. F. Aiken,
C. W. Warner,
E. C. Gravina,
Forman Lincicome,
W. A. Sayre,
M. E. Snyder,

DELEGATES

R. Baker,
Fred Powell,
I. H. Potts,
Thomas Mills,
J. W. Davis,
Elizabeth Lodwick,
Mable E. Race,
Leander Hayden,
W. H. George,
Ada Wyman,
Anna Gun,

Reuben Wilcox,
William Boggs,
John Schenkle,
S. M. Russell,
S. H. Garey,
Marion Wilson,
Millbury Snode,
Maria Aylard,
J. E. Crider,
Henry Gun,
O. R. Covault,

Wilbur Thorp,
M. L. Scott,
W. B. Kerr,
H. Lininger,
J. E. Shumaker,
Simon Johnson,
E. T. Chandler,
Marshall Casto,
F. D. Webb,
Cynthia Doran,
Albert Price.

2. Who are the stationing committee? William Pearce, D. W. Wesley, J. Hayden, J. C. Sherburne, J. W. Davis, J. E. Crider, R. Baker.

3. What preachers were admitted on trial? Frank C. Easton, L. C. Waters, W. M. Aiken.

4. Who remain on trial? Noah VanKernal.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? M. E. Snyder.

6. Who are the deacons? B. B. Casto, F. Delong, O. L. Spencer, J. B. Thompson, J. M. Swain, G. E. Conant, E. F. Aiken, O. L. Stricker, W. J. Hampp, E. A. Bryan, O. M. Shaw, H. F. Aiken, C. W. Warner, W. A. Sayre, E. C. Gravina, F. Lincicome, *M. E. Snyder.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? Noah VanKernal, B. B. Casto, E. A. Bryan, J. B. Thompson.

10. Who are the superannuated, or worn-out preachers? G. A. Olmstead.

11, 12. None.

*Ordained this year.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? E. S. Jennings.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? Joseph Lawrence.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? For G. A. Olmstead, \$100; for Sister C. F. Scott and children, \$135.

22, 23. Not asked this year.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next session of the annual conference be held? The time to be as near the first Wednesday in September as can be arranged for by the board of bishops; and the place to be left to the decision of the district elders.

APPOINTMENTS

CLEVELAND DISTRICT—D. W. WESLEY, District Elder, 1017 Walnut street, Kent, Ohio

Cleveland.....	John Timbers, 4504 Bridge avenue, Cleveland, Ohio
Newburg.....	E. D. Crane, Emily Crane, supply, 1149 Kinsman Road, Cleveland, "
Rocky River.....	J. E. Williams, Rocky River, "
Bennetts Corners and Ridgeville.....	Charles Mitchell, Maude Mitchell, supplies, R. F. D., Brunswick, "
.....	F. Delong, 1044 Yale street, Akron, "
Akron.....	E. C. Gravina, 125 School street, Kent, "
Kent.....	H. F. Aiken, R. F. D., Jefferson, "
Griggs and Steamburg.....	To be supplied
Cortland	H. Burse, Bertha Burse, supply, Warren, Ohio
Warren.....	C. W. Smith, 1038 Erie street, Youngstown, "
Youngstown.....	Big Prairie, Pleasant Grove and Wooster.....
.....	J. A. Bolton, Helen S. Bolton, supply, Wooster, "
Davis and Howard.....	M. E. Snyder, Perrysville, "
Canton.....	E. N. Foulk, Canton, "

Noah VanKennal, supernumerary; E. S. Jennings, given certificate of good standing with view to transfer.

TOLEDO DISTRICT—J. A. HOPKINS, District Elder, North Baltimore, Ohio

Toledo.....	J. W. Headley, 1608 Peoria street, Toledo, Ohio
Holland and Monclova.....	F. C. Calkins, Holland, "
Delta, Amboy and Raikers.....	E. F. Aiken, Delta, "
Edgerton, Bethel and Butler.....	O. L. Spencer, Edgerton, "
Brunersburg.....	A. Price, supply, R. F. D. 1, Continental, "
Kiefersville, Ottawa and Gilboa.....	Forman Lincicome, Ottawa, "
Celina.....	Byron J. Smith, Celina, "
Mt. Hope and Wiltshire.....	Walter Martin, supply
Hume, Cridersville and Lima.....	A. Stevens, Anna Stevens, supply, Cridersville, Ohio
.....	L. C. Waters, North Baltimore, "
North Baltimore and Deshler.....	W. M. Aiken, Bowling Green, "
Bowling Green and Pemberville.....	William Orwig, supply, Bowling Green, "
Beulah.....	W. F. Matthewson, 215 Second avenue, Galion, "
Galion and West Point.....	To be supplied
Chicago	H. F. Hall, Mary E. Hall, supply, Mansfield, Ohio
Mansfield.....	

W. B. Olmstead, general Sunday-school secretary; G. A. Olmstead, superannuated; J. Hayden, evangelist; E. A. Bryan, B. B. Casto, J. B. Thompson, supernumerary.

SUMMERFIELD DISTRICT—J. C. SHERBURNE, District Elder, 322 East Fifth avenue, Columbus, Ohio

Summerfield, Tabor, East Union and Middleburg.....
W. A. Sayre, Summerfield, Ohio
 Sarahsville, Perryopolis and Olive.....D. L. Stricker, Sarahsville, "
 Hall's Chapel and Hill Grove.....
Levi Hochstetler, supply, Fifteen, Washington county, "
 Zanesville and Cedar Run.....R. B. Niles, 18 Clover street, Zanesville, "
 Byesville, Senecaville and Craig.....C. W. Warner, Byesville, "

ATHENS DISTRICT—J. C. SHERBURNE, District Elder

Athens.....Frank C. Easton, Athens, Ohio
 Corning, Mt. Carmel and Hollister.....J. M. Swain, Glouster, "
 Laurel Cliff, Hysell Run, Plants and Kerr's Run.....
W. J. Hampp, R. F. D. 1, Pomeroy, "

COLUMBUS DISTRICT—J. C. SHERBURNE, District Elder

Columbus.....O. M. Shaw, 322 East Fifth avenue, Columbus, Ohio
 New Albany and Ralph.....Mable Race, supply, New Albany, "
 Newark Mission.....G. E. Conant, 46 Burt avenue, Newark, "
 Dayton Mission.....H. W. Sanderson, 103 Champa street, Dayton, "
 Dugan Valley.....Clark Sayre, supply, R. F. D. 6, Urbana, "

E. E. Higbee, discontinued at his own request; J. C. Sherburne, member of the Columbus district quarterly conference.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Ohio conference convened for its thirty-first annual session, in the Free Methodist church at Delta, Ohio, September 1-4, 1909.

Five sittings were held and were characterized by brotherly love and harmony.

We had the opportunity and privilege of meeting for the first time in conference session our newly-elected and greatly beloved Bishop William Pearce. His presence among us was made a great blessing and a source of inspiration to us all. We were all edified and much blessed and encouraged as we listened to his practical and spiritual addresses to the conference, at the close of each sitting. He presided with marked ability and dispatch.

We were royally and generously entertained by the pilgrims and citizens of Delta. Brother Lincicome, the resident pastor, deserves great praise and the hearty thanks of every member and visitor of the conference for providing such excellent entertainment and pleasant and congenial home for us during our short stay in their midst.

Sunday afternoon was, as usual, devoted to the annual missionary meeting, under the auspices of the W. F. M. S. Brother and Sister Matthewson, returned missionaries from Japan, gave interesting and inspiring addresses upon the needs of the work in Japan, and the success of their work during their few years of labor in that country. They also exhibited a few curios which they brought with them from Japan, after which a collection and subscription for foreign missions was taken, amounting to \$371.62. The amount raised for foreign missions by the W. F. M. S. during the conference year of 1908-9 was reported by the treasurer of the society as being \$1.100. This amount is over two hundred dollars less than the amount raised the previous year. Let us look for the cause of this decline, and try to do better the coming year.

A memorial service, occasioned by the death, during the year, of the

Rev. Joseph Lawrence, was conducted by the committee on memoirs, Friday afternoon. (See report of committee on memoirs.)

-M. E. Snyder was ordained deacon at the close of the Sunday morning service.

A vote of thanks was extended the pilgrims and citizens of Delta for their hospitality and kindness, to the president for the fair, impartial and able manner in which he presided over the deliberations of the conference; to the secretaries and treasurer for their labors; to the members of the United Brethren church for the use of their church; and to the pastor of the Free Methodist church for his earnest labors in the interests of the conference.

Several pulpits of the village were filled by ministers of the conference Sunday morning and evening.

Rev. Smith, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, was introduced to the conference, and invited to an honorary seat.

W. B. Olmstead, general Sunday-school secretary, as usual represented the interests of our publishing house. He was ably assisted by our genial Brother O. M. Shaw, of Columbus.

One hundred sixteen dollars five cents was raised Sunday morning toward liquidating the indebtedness on the parsonage at Warren, Ohio.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid to S. K. J. Chesbro, \$152.40.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessment, \$182.88; paid to S. K. J. Chesbro, \$171.01; paid to Bishop Pearce, \$11.87.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid to S. K. J. Chesbro, \$101.60.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Assessment, \$457.20; paid to S. K. J. Chesbro, \$322.20; paid to Mrs. C. F. Scott, \$135.

PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid to S. K. J. Chesbro, \$50.80.

FOR PUBLISHING MINUTES—Received and paid to W. B. Rose, \$38.70.

CHILDREN'S FUND—Received and paid to W. B. Rose, \$2.20.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—Received and paid to W. B. Rose, \$10.87.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Assessed, \$152.40; paid as follows: Charles Mitchell, \$5; W. M. Aiken, \$5; E. F. Aiken, \$5; O. L. Spencer, \$10; E. N. Foulk, \$8; F. Lincicome, \$5; R. B. Niles, \$5; W. F. Matthewson, \$10; M. E. Snyder, \$8; B. G. Smith, \$5; Levi Hochstetler, \$6; W. J. Hampp, \$10; J. A. Bolton, \$10; J. M. Swain, \$10; C. W. Smith, \$10; C. W. Warner, \$4; message sent by stationing committee, 40 cents; balance of \$36 to be aqually divided among the three districts elders, to be disbursed by them on their respective districts.

Total receipts, \$1,149.05; total disbursements, \$1,149.05.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—\$1,100.00

JOHN TIMBERS, Treasurer.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON MEMOIRS

Your committee on Memoirs beg to submit the following:

Several of the co-laborers of Brother Joseph Lawrence testified to the stanch and loyal character of their deceased brother in an impressive memorial service, held in the church at Delta, Ohio, September 3, 1909.

We, as a conference, extend to Sister Lawrence and her daughter, Ida, the tenderest sympathy of this body, and pray that the consoling influences of divine grace may be freely given; and that the power felt by our dear brother, through which he was enabled to triumph even in the midst of the severest trials and sufferings, may be given to them, so that they may be kept during their days of bereavement and sorrow.

II.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

The Sunday-school is a very important factor in the Lord's work, but we fear that it is too lightly esteemed by many of us. Too little attention is given to the interests of the Sunday-school work. While this is true, we are glad to note that the interest in this great work is growing. Some are realizing its importance and are taking advantage of the opportunities afforded in the Sunday-school to enlighten themselves, and to instruct the young and the old in the "Holy Scriptures which are able to make them wise unto salvation."

The wise man has said, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it." This being true, how important that we use the very best means that are at our command to train the young mind in a knowledge of the Word of God; and what opportunity is greater than that of the Sunday-school, where the children may be gathered every Sunday, perhaps a goodly number, and all taught the same lesson at the same time?

How important, then, that those who are called to instruct should be well equipped to meet the great responsibility that is before them. To this end we would recommend the attention of all to the Ten Points of Excellence in the "Handbook for Sunday-school Workers." A careful perusal of these "Ten Points" will convince every considerate and unprejudiced mind that they are not only practical, but, if carried out, would greatly increase the interest in Sunday-school work, and the salvation of the young and also the older.

We are living in a time of modern improvements and methods, and if we would be aggressive in saving the rising generations from the rush and whirl of the world and worldly churcharnity, we must apply ourselves to the use of the very best means at our command.

We would recommend that our worthy district elders be made Sunday-school secretaries of their districts, and that they make special efforts to hold district Sunday-school conventions, organize teacher-training classes, and encourage all our Sunday-school workers to thorough, consecrated effort in Sunday-school work. Let us as pastors and laymen in the Ohio conference be more earnest and aggressive in the Sunday-school work than in the past.

III.—ON PUBLICATIONS

Books have become the great medium for the transmission of thought between man and man, and are to be prized according to the value of the thought they transmit. The study of a book gives us the thought of others, and causes us to *think*, and the character of the train of thought passing through our own mind will be largely determined by the character of the thought presented to us by the author of the book which we are reading.

Passing by the publications treating on subjects which are purely mechanical, scientific and mathematical, we would confine our report to those which intentionally or unintentionally treat of moral and spiritual things.

While we deplore the fact that so great a bulk of the literature is "enfeebling to the mind, debasing to the life, and ruinous to the souls of men," yet we rejoice that there is so much of the opposite character: literature treating on subjects which are true, honest, just, pure, lovely; things of good report, virtuous, and which are to be highly praised.

We rejoice that as a church we have in the past, and still are, making provisions for the possession and circulation of such literature.

Our new publishing house stands as a monument of the love of our people for such reading. Our publishing interests in the past have not, neither will they in the future, be supported by any but lovers of good and pure literature. Its books, tracts, periodicals, etc., pass under the scrutiny of men that are true to our issues and principles, and if a person would secure reading matter contrary to sound doctrine he must go elsewhere. Because of this, we firmly believe that it becomes our duty to support the

interests of our own publishing house. In doing this it will sometimes seemingly conflict with our own interests.

We question the consistency of urging upon our people the necessity of standing by our work in different places and the institutions of various kinds even though it takes their last dollar, and then because we can possibly make larger per cent. of profit, obtain from other publishers and sell to our people those books, etc., which precludes the possibility of them placing their orders with our own house.

Our conference adopted a report which recommended the patronizing of our own publishing house, "other things being equal." Just as well might one of our members say, "I will attend my own church next Sabbath morning, other things being equal."

We remember that our publishing house is a part of a church which is supported by self-denial, and the same spirit that would hinder a person from patronizing our publishing house because it sometimes means self-denial, would drive our people to other churches where such self-denial as they are now practising is not demanded.

"A house divided against itself cannot stand." We rejoice that millions of copies of God's Word are being printed and placed in the hands of the children of men. Perhaps it would be impossible to find a member among us without a copy. In this matter we are "exalted to heaven."

We would recommend to place *The Free Methodist* first after the Word of God. The nourishment it will give the mind, the comfort it will give the heart, the aid to unity with all the living will amply repay for the small sum expended.

Our Sunday-school literature is of the best, and should be used in all our schools; also the various Sunday-school publications which are an aid to greater efficiency in this very important branch of God's work.

IV.—ON EDUCATION

The necessity for education is growing more and more apparent. The state, the commercial world, and the church demand this, and if we would succeed we must be educated. Herbert Spencer has said, "To prepare for complete living is the purpose of all true education." Addison said, "What sculpture is to the block of marble, education is to the human soul."

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The Lord said, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." The minister of God is called to be an instructor in righteousness. He should not only be familiar with his text-book, the Bible, but should persistently add to his fund of knowledge that he may save the people under him.

If we continue our usefulness as public instructors a measurable degree of study is an absolute necessity: and amid the innumerable cares of itineracy, time must be highly valued. Then, he who will redeem it from useless talking and trifling visits will have enough time for reading and studying. The one who does not value time, and has no system, has not sufficient time for anything, but is always crowded by work and is never able to bring one good purpose to proper effect. If we would have a studious congregation we ourselves must be studious. Wonders can be accomplished by perseverance. Bishop William Pearce said in an article published in *The Free Methodist* a few years ago, "Many a man has constructed a college for himself by making the most of the helps around him, and has climbed up out of the place where ignorance has sway and bidden farewell to her forever."

Therefore, we urge or recommend that the preachers bring up their studies in the prescribed course as fast as possible, by close application in systematic study; and that those who have finished their course secure those books more recently added to the course and master them. We further recommend that the local preachers and evangelists be encouraged to pursue the excellent course of study laid down by the committee appointed by the last general conference.

As a church and people we should seek to be in the front rank for God. The often-quoted statement, speaking on the line of education, "What was good enough for father, is good enough for son," will not meet the demand of to-day. The Free Methodist church in order to fill her mission in the world, namely, to spread scriptural holiness throughout the land, must not be behind in educating the rising generation to carry this paramount issue. This can be done by heeding the scripture admonition, "Train up a child in the way he should go," by giving him the best possible mental, physical and spiritual education.

A statement made a few years ago by one who was reared a Free Methodist and partly educated in our schools, but finished his studies in another institution, is worthy of our consideration. He said, "If the Free Methodist church wishes to hold her young people to her communion, she should educate them in her own schools."

We recognize the excellent work done by our own schools along both educational and spiritual lines, and in this find occasion for congratulation. We here recommend our beloved Spring Arbor Seminary as an institution of high grade to those who desire to have their boys and girls educated. We further recommend Greenville College as one of the best colleges in which to lay a foundation for the most successful work in the avocations of life.

We urge that our pastors, as the Discipline requires, part 7, section 3, paragraph 235, preach on the subject of Education, and take the collection ordered.

We further recommend that an auxiliary board of education be created in this conference at this session of the conference.

V.—ON REFORMS

Whether or not these are the latter days of the Christian era, it is evident that these are perilous times, and accomplished reforms so few that there remains a large field for reform work. For a long time the people of our nation seemed content with our government, and at least formally adhered to orthodox doctrine; but recently strong, diverging tendencies have become manifest, and measures so drastic and destructive as to threaten both church and state are proposed. Therefore,

Resolved, First, That we put ourselves on record as being patriotic, honoring our Constitution and our flag. The policy of Socialism we consider to be destructive both to our government and to Bible religion, and it shall in no way have our support.

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We are glad that so many counties in our state and others have been voted dry under the local option law, yet we still believe that state and national prohibition is the only permanent solution of the liquor question. Furthermore, we believe it useless to seek this end by affiliation with old political parties, and call upon Christian men everywhere to vote with the Prohibition party, whose policy is loyal to our government, seeking only that larger liberty which deliverance from wide-spread evils is sure to bring.

Resolved, Second, In regard to religion, let us not only avoid the extremes of formalism and fanaticism, but the Christless, skeptical "New Religion" of this twentieth century. Let us continue to defend the faith, the credibility of the Bible, the omnipotence and omniscience of God, and the divinity of Christ.

We believe that secrecy has not been sanctified, nor Catholicism reformed; but we shall do well in this time of "Affinity Craze" and fearful divorce evil to maintain as radical a stand in this matter as the Roman Catholic church. Also let us continue faithful to the Bible and our excellent book of Discipline in plainness of dress, and separation from the world, in the use of tobacco, attendance of worldly amusements, patronage of Sunday newspapers, and things of like character.

And above all, let us not only endorse, but enjoy the glorious experience of holiness.

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CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachings	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodists" Taken	Conference Claims	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claims	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
SUMMERFIELD DISTRICT	J. C. Sherburne, District Elder																
	W. A. Sayre.....	50	2	52	1	2	14	65	11	\$ 21 60	\$ 8 64	7 20	7 20	4 80	.....	\$ 9 29	\$ 7 50
	Zanesville and Cedar Run.....	50	7	57	1	1	10	56	5	20 70	8 23	6 25	6 25	4 60	.....	.....	63 05
	Byesville and Seneca ville.....	45	8	53	1	3	19	56	10	20 70	9 18	7 55	7 55	5 10	.....	.....	25 00
	Sarabsville, Perryopolis and Olive.....	55	14	69	2	1	13	76	12	22 85	9 18	7 65	7 65	5 65	.....	.....	35 00
	Halt's Chapel and Hill Grove.....	35	5	40	2	1	13	35	9	16 65	6 65	5 65	5 65	3 70	.....	13 10	.....
ATHENS DISTRICT	J. C. Sherburne, District Elder																
	Athens and Strond's Run.....	24	1	25	1	2	11	69	10	8 75	4 80	3 75	3 75	2 50	.....	.....	45 56
	Corning, Mt. Carmel and Hollister.....	46	3	49	3	15	115	71	12 15	6 75	4 80	5 05	5 05	2 70	.....	.....	23 91
	Laurel Cliff and Hysell Run.....	34	1	35	1	10	14	70	15	15 75	6 80	5 05	5 05	3 50	.....	.....	51 10
	C. and Maad Mitchell, supplies. Plant's and Kerr's Run.....	23	...	23	1	3	2	30	3	9 00	3 80	2 00	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	21 50
COLUMBUS DISTRICT	J. C. Sherburne, District Elder																
	O. M. Shaw.....	18	2	20	2	2	9	75	8	9 90	3 96	3 30	3 30	2 20	.....	.....	45 00
	L. Hochstetler, supply.....	17	...	17	...	2	7	20	4	9 00	3 60	3 60	3 60	2 50	.....	.....	17 00
	New Albany and Ralph.....	12	2	14	1	1	4	35	6	6 75	2 70	2 70	2 70	1 50	.....	.....	23 21
	Dugan Valley.....	10	1	11	1	1	4	25	3	8 10	3 14	2 70	2 70	1 80	.....	.....	.....
	H. W. Sanderson.....	10	1	11	1	1	4	25	3	8 10	3 14	2 70	2 70	1 80	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	G. E. Conant.....	6	3	9	1	1	8	26	3	3 15	1 25	1 05	1 05	1 70	.....	.....	.....
	Newark Mission.....	6	3	9	1	1	8	26	3	3 15	1 25	1 05	1 05	1 70	.....	.....	.....
Total.....		1063	101	1154	29	26	61	422	208	\$ 454 19	\$ 132 88	\$ 146 08	\$ 153 95	\$ 100 10	.....	\$ 135 24	\$ 824 04

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OHIO CONFERENCE

CLEVELAND, TOLEDO, SUMMERFIELD, ATHENS AND COLUMBUS DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
CLEVELAND DISTRICT												
Cleveland and.....	\$ 2 50		\$ 87 35	\$ 4 15	\$ 640 78	\$ 144	\$ 70 00		1	\$ 5000	1	\$ 2000
Rocky River.....			24 60	95	315 15	60	33 19		1	1500	1	800
Akron.....			21 08	1 20	398 28	180	50 77	\$ 29 29	1	2500	1	2000
Kent.....			82 69	1 70	624 08	72	11 71	18 00	1	1200	1	600
Warren.....			16 68	90	300 60	108	28 03		1	2500	1	1300
Youngstown.....	1 05		52 89	1 75	565 00	150	61 90		1	2000	1	2000
Bennett's Corners.....	72		12 00	90			28 52		2	1400	1	200
Davis and Howard.....			23 44	1 30	418 50		60 22	17 00	2	2500		
Big Prairie and Pleasant Grove.....		\$ 2 40	27 41	1 50	301 49		48 27	14 00	2	2500		
Grigg and Steamburg.....	2 39		34 25	1 35	401 00	40	44 44	28 00	2	14 0	1	600
Cortland.....			11 61	30	237 00	56	24 27	7 60	1	2000	1	1000
TOLEDO DISTRICT												
Toledo.....			65 41	1 05	375 00	150	52 61	15 00	1	2500	1	1500
Holland and Monclova.....		4 60	95 55	2 60	535 02		55 98	32 14	2	2500	1	1200
Delta, Amboy and Walkers.....	5 00		16 00	1 45	580 00		64 00	24 00	2	2500	1	1600
Edgerton, Bet el and Butler.....		1 00		90	200 00		32 00		1	600		
N. Baltimore and Bowling Green.....		1 25	45 00		331 16		36 82	20 38	2	2000	1	700
Deshler, Ottawa, Kelleysville, etc.....				1 60	219 85		43 60	47 39	2	2000		
Celina and Mt. Hope.....	4 08		75 13	1 30	490 14	80	40 00	50 00				
Hume, Lima and Cridersville.....			25 84	1 95	303 87	50	40 51		2	1500	1	500
Galion and West Point.....			30 85	1 20	213 96	75	48 00	5 00	2	1500	1	1000
Brune sburg.....				55	125 00		28 76		1	900		
Beulah.....			10 00	45	50 00							
Mansfield.....				60	66 73		17 55		1	1000	1	1000
Chicago.....			8 00	15			22 60		1	1500	1	1000
SUMMERFIELD DISTRICT												
Summerfield, Tabor, etc.....			37 50	2 40	396 35	60	44 71		4	4200	1	1000
Zanesville and Cedar Run.....	1 00	1 20	50 19	2 30	419 30	125	46 25	21 84	1	1500	1	1000
Byesville and Senecaville.....			39 61	1 85	392 00		64 91		2	1200		
Sarahsville, Perryopolis, etc.....			62 50	2 55	365 00	60	68 70	10 00	2	2000	1	700
Hall's Chapel and Hill Grove.....			18 68	1 85	236 67		54 33	20 00	2	800		
ATHENS DISTRICT												
Athens and Strond's Run.....		86	38 00	1 25	295 00		38 85	27 50	2	2000		
Corning, Mt. Carmel, Hollister.....	1 60	1 00	29 31	1 35	661 37	125	45 95	5 18	1	1100		
Laurel Cliff and Hysell Run.....			24 00	1 75	468 00	50	60 97	12 00	2	2300	1	900
Plant's and Kerr's Run.....			16 16	1 00	331 35		27 67		1	1000		
COLUMBUS DISTRICT												
Columbus.....		2 00	46 57	1 10	245 06	80	43 77	24 00	1	3500		
New Albany and Ralph.....			8 01	1 00	220 78	55	28 14	5 85	1	1000		
Dugan Valley.....			15 00	75	30 80	33	33 40		1	1200		
Dayton.....			24 54	90	181 57		32 26	17 61	1	950		
Newark Mission.....			20 29	85	300 00		14 10	2 40				
Total.....	\$19 20	\$13 45	\$1184 95	\$40 85	12085 81	1720	1647 67	\$ 454 14	54	\$ 65750	21	\$22500

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Fiftieth Annual Session, held at Freeport, Illinois,
September 7-11, 1909

OFFICERS

WILLIAM PEARCE, *President*

HENRY LENZ, *Secretary*

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T. C. WENDELL, *Statistical Secretary*

W. P. FERRIES, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

- On Public Worship*—William Pearce, the district elders, D. W. Finch.
On State of the Work—H. O. Hubbard, E. G. Cryer, W. G. Hanmer, William Masters, R. G. Wilkin, J. M. Woodard.
On Reforms—M. L. Johnson, J. D. Kelsey, William Harper, F. W. Caulkins, Harry Cox.
On Education—F. D. Brooke, C. M. Stirdivant, Miles Grennon, W. H. Hanks.
On Publications—W. P. Ferries, Henry Lenz, John Harvey, D. M. Allen, W. M. Kelsey.
On Sunday-schools—D. W. Hart, J. W. Hill, Maria Rose, Nellie L. Kelsey, James Rundle, Alice Riddell.
On Charities—J. G. Rockenbach, W. J. Bone, A. L. Wright, Clarence Covell, J. D. Kelsey.
Auditing Committee—William Harper, J. W. Hill.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
On Raising Funds for Publishing the Minutes—M. F. Childs.
On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—T. C. Wendell, E. A. Tapper, F. D. Brooke, B. L. Olmstead.
To Report for the Press—H. S. Willing.
On Complimentary Resolutions—W. M. Kelsey, W. P. Ferries.
To Visit Evansville Seminary—T. C. Wendell.
To Visit Woodstock Homes—The district elder of Elgin district; the pastor at Elgin.
On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.
On Nominations—F. D. Brooke, H. O. Hubbard, E. G. Cryer, William Masters, William Harper.
On Conference Claimants and Claims—H. O. Hubbard, E. G. Cryer, F. J. Kline, R. B. McKee.
On Ministerial Relations—J. D. Kelsey, T. C. Wendell, H. O. Hubbard, P. W. Newcomer, M. L. Johnson, William Masters, D. W. Hart, William Harper, R. G. Wilkin.
On Memoirs—H. O. Hubbard, W. P. Ferries, John Harvey, J. H. Porter, F. W. Caulkins.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. D. Kelsey, president; F. J. Kline, secretary; E. G. Cryer, treasurer; C. M. Stirdivant, W. J. Jackson.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

B. D. Fay, H. O. Hubbard, George Bradfield, time to expire 1910; J. H. Porter, William Masters, F. J. Kline, secretary, time to expire 1911; J. D. Kelsey, W. P. Ferries, president; F. D. Brooke, treasurer, time to expire 1912.

TRUSTEES OF THE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

W. J. Jackson, J. D. Kelsey, time to expire 1910; W. P. Ferries, R. B. McKee, time to expire 1911; F. D. Brooke, Charles Wright, time to expire 1912.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

T. C. Wendell, time to expire 1910; George Bradfield, time to expire 1911; M. F. Childs, secretary, time to expire 1912; R. G. Wilkin, time to expire 1913; W. J. Bone, president, time to expire 1914.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On State of the Work—Henry Lenz, *On Publications*—M. F. Childs,
On Reforms—W. J. Bone, *On Sunday-schools*—B. R. Parks,
On Education—R. G. Wilkin, *On Charities*—J. D. Kelsey.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Maria Rose, president; Mrs. Elizabeth K. Cryer, first vice-president; Mrs. Clara Childs, second vice-president; Miss Esther Hart, recording secretary; Miss Hattie Burdick, corresponding secretary; Miss Bertha Rubbeck, treasurer, Belvidere, Illinois; Mrs. Alice M. Riddell, conference superintendent of Junior work.

OFFICERS OF THE OLD PEOPLE'S REST HOME, WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS

T. B. Arnold, president, Glen Ellyn, Illinois; J. T. Logan, secretary, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois; F. D. Brooke, treasurer, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois; J. D. Kelsey, superintendent and manager, Woodstock, Illinois.

OFFICERS OF THE CHICAGO INDUSTRIAL HOME FOR CHILDREN, WOODSTOCK

J. D. Kelsey, president; J. T. Logan, secretary; F. D. Brooke, treasurer; T. B. Arnold, superintendent; W. P. Ferries, assistant superintendent; J. D. Kelsey, manager.

OLIVE BRANCH MISSION, 22 SOUTH DESPLAINES STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

B. Winget, president, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois; D. S. Warner, secretary, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois; Mary J. Everhart, superintendent and treasurer, 121 South Peoria street, Chicago, Illinois.

OFFICERS OF THE FREE METHODIST MINISTER'S MUTUAL AID SOCIETY

F. D. Brooke, president; M. F. Childs, secretary.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

James Sprague.	W. P. Ferries,	J. D. Kelsey,
F. D. Brooke,	P. W. Newcomer,	W. M. Kelsey,
J. T. Taylor,	H. O. Hubbard,	John Harvey,
F. M. Fish,	B. D. Fay,	J. G. Rockenbach,
E. G. Cryer,	M. L. Johnson,	G. H. Behner,
Henry Lenz,	W. J. Bone,	W. C. Willing,
R. G. Wilkin,	George Bradfield,	C. M. Stirdivant,
E. A. Tapper.	T. B. Webb,	J. W. Hill,
M. F. Childs,	D. W. Finch,	W. G. Hanmer,
A. L. Wright,	D. W. Hart,	G. C. Mills,
James Harvey.		

[Woman evangelist having a seat in the conference, Bertha Rubeck.]

DELEGATES

J. H. Porter,	Anna R. Mills,	B. L. Olmstead,
F. W. Caulkins.	George Kreig,	Nellie L. Kelsey.
D. M. Allen,	Harty Cox,	Joseph Bryant,
T. C. Wendell.	William Harper.	A. V. Bolton,
William H. Hanks.	F. J. Kline,	J. M. Woodard,
R. B. McKee,	Philip L. Kiltz,	W. J. Jackson,
Lydia McKinstry.	Alice Riddell,	Clarence Covell,
Maria Rose.	Eva Allen,	William Masters.
James Rundell,	Mrs. B. M. Graybill.	Miles Grennon.
Clara Adams,	Benjamin Rider.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? William Pearce, E. G. Cryer, H. O. Hubbard, W. G. Hanmer, F. J. Kline, William Masters, R. B. McKee.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? H. S. Willing, F. W. Caulkins, B. L. Olmstead, Emil Klein, Matthias Klein.
4. Who remain on trial? Fred Siefken, John Klein.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? James Harvey.
6. Who are the deacons? G. C. Mills, A. L. Wright, of the second class; James Harvey of the first class.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.
8. Who have located this year? W. G. Hanmer, W. C. Willing.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? None.
10. Who are the superannuated, or worn-out preachers? James Sprague, F. M. Fish.
11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? None.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? G. H. Behner, James Harvey, to the Colorado conference.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed, with two exceptions.
15. Who have died this year? A. W. Parry.
- 16-20. See statistics.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? F. M. Fish, \$50; James Sprague, \$120; Mrs. Delia Zeller, \$100; Mrs. Mary E. Bailey, \$25; Mrs. Emma Parry and children, \$80.

- 22, 23. See statistical reports.
24. Where are the preachers stationed? See appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Chicago, Second church, as near the first Tuesday in September as convenient for the bishops.

APPOINTMENTS

CHICAGO DISTRICT—E. G. CRYER, District Elder, 2019 North Mozart street, Chicago, Illinois

Chicago, First church.....B. R. Parks, supply, Chicago, Illinois
 Chicago, Second church...W. J. Bone, 2145 Lexington street, Chicago, "
 Chicago, Englewood..P. W. Newcomer, 1142 West 62d street, Chicago, "
 Chicago, Humboldt Park and North Side Mission....."
M. F. Childs, 2203 North California avenue, Chicago, "
 Evanston.....F. D. Brooke, 1814 Ridge avenue, Evanston, "
 Aurora.....D. W. Hart, 105 South Lincoln avenue, Aurora, "
 St. Charles.....C. M. Stirdivant, 96 West Walnut street, St. Charles, "
 Melrose Park.....W. M. Kelsey, 606 15th avenue, Melrose Park, "
 Glen Ellyn.....B. L. Olmstead, Glen Ellyn, "
 Harvey.....John Will, supply, 15215 Center avenue, Harvey, "

B. D. Fay, financial agent Evansville Seminary, Evansville, Wisconsin;
 G. H. Behner, granted certificate of good standing in view of transfer to the Colorado conference; George Bradfield, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois; W. C. Willing, granted certificate of location at his request, membership at Aurora, Illinois, La Vega, Dominican Republic, West Indies; Matthias Klein, missionary to Japan.

ELGIN DISTRICT—HENRY LENZ, District Elder, 315 South Campbell avenue, Chicago, Illinois

Elgin.....W. P. Ferries, 63 Villa street, Elgin, Illinois
 Freeport.....D. W. Finch, 24 American street, Freeport, "
 Ridott.....H. J. Plantz, supply, Ridott, "
 Rockford and Winnebago....."
H. S. Willing, 858 North Second street, Rockford, "
 Belvidere.....Bertha Rubeck, supply, Belvidere, "
 Marengo.....To be supplied
 Woodstock.....J. D. Kelsey, Woodstock, Illinois
 Crystal Lake and Pleasant Valley..A. L. Wright, North Crystal Lake, "
 Cary and Algonquin....."
John Klein, Mrs. Sadie L. Klein, supply, Algonquin, "
 Sycamore, South Burlington and Dustin...M. L. Johnson, Sycamore, "
 Franklin Grove and Ashton.....To be supplied

F. M. Fish, superannuated, Woodstock, Illinois; W. G. Hammer, granted certificate of location at his request, membership at Woodstock, Illinois, 1026 Ayers' Place, Evanston, Illinois; James Harvey, granted certificate of good standing in view of transfer to the Colorado conference.

PEORIA DISTRICT—H. O. HUBBARD, District Elder

Peoria.....R. G. Wilkin, 604 Windom street, Peoria, Illinois
 Limestone and Farmington.....G. C. Mills
 East Peoria, Pekin and Bethel.....G. Mustard, supply, East Peoria, Illinois
 Deer Creek.....Emil Klein, Deer Creek, "
 Fairbury.....E. A. Tapper, Fairbury, "
 Morris, Mazon and Joliet.....F. W. Caulkins, Morris, "
 Kempton and Mona.....J. W. Hill, Kempton, "

T. B. Webb.

KEWANEE DISTRICT—H. O. HUBBARD, District Elder, 211 South Walnut street, Kewanee, Illinois

Kewanee, Galva and Saxon.....
J. G. Rockenbach, 106 East First street, Kewanee, Illinois
 Sheffield and Atkinson.....To be supplied
 New Bedford.....Fred Siefken, New Bedford, Illinois
 Rock Island and Sherrard.....
John Harvey, 1520 Ninth avenue, Rock Island, "

James Sprague, superannuated, Princeton, Illinois; H. O. Hubbard, member of the Kewanee district quarterly conference; J. T. Taylor, missionary to India, Yeotmal, Province of Berar, India.

LOCAL ELDERS

W. R. Sansom.....Woodstock, Illinois	J. T. Merry.....Evanston, Illinois
T. B. Arnold.....Glen Ellyn, "	J. A. Murray.....Evanston, "
J. M. Woodard.....Rockford, "	W. G. Hammer.....Evanston, "
T. C. Wendell, Chicago, Illinois, 1851	W. C. Willing, La Vega, Dominican Republic, West Indies.
Jackson boulevard.	
J. H. Keyte.....Woodstock, Illinois	

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Bertha Rubeck,	Della D. Bone,	Virginia E. Gates,
Lizzie Brooke,	Mrs. B. C. Beezley,	Ella H. Wendell,
Georgia Merry,	Ida R. C. Winget,	Clara Burdick,
Mrs. Carrie Flower,	Maria A. Rose,	Tressa R. Arnold,
May K. Fay,	Sadie Cryer Hill,	Sarah A. Cooke.

TREASURER'S REPORT

HOME MISSIONS—On hand September 15, 1908, \$41.49; amount received from September 15, 1908, to September 11, 1909, \$205.01; total receipts, \$246.50. Paid on appropriations, \$181.25; sundries, \$5.95; G. H. Behner, for services, \$10; balance on hand, \$49.30.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessment, \$142.50; paid, \$141.90; deficit, 60 cents.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$171.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Assessed, \$427.50; paid, \$419.60; deficit, \$8.34.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Receipts, \$11.14.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessment, \$95; paid, \$92.55; deficit, \$2.45.

EVANSVILLE SEMINARY—Received and paid, \$139.02.

PERMANENT FUND—Assessment, \$47.50; paid, \$46.45; deficit, \$1.05.

CHILDREN'S FUND—Receipts, \$5.65.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—Receipts, \$9.24.

A. W. PARRY FUND—Receipts, \$5.

Total receipts, \$1,296.61; total deficit on all general funds, \$12.44.

W. J. BONE, Assistant Treasurer.

MISCELLANEOUS

Conference was held for the third time at Freeport, Illinois, and was pleasantly entertained in the Salem Evangelical church.

Eight sittings were held, full of interest and business. Bishop William Pearce endeared himself to the conference by his kindly ways and helpful addresses.

The following ministers preached during the conference: Bishop William Pearce, D. W. Hart, M. F. Childs, R. G. Wilkin, C. M. Stirdivant, W. P. Ferris, Henry Lenz, B. L. Olmstead, W. J. Bone, J. D. Kelsey.

Our returned missionaries from Japan, Rev. W. F. Matthewson and wife, were pleasant visitors, and conducted a profitable missionary service Sunday afternoon.

The following visiting ministers were introduced: Rev. Ray C. Harker, Rev. J. K. Shields, Rev. P. H. R. Mullen, Rev. C. M. Rohrbaugh, Rev. William Klingbeil.

The conference collections were ordered taken as follows: Conference Missions (22 cents), October; General Missions, January; Church Extension, February; Evansville Seminary, April; Conference Claimants', Permanent Fund, June; Bishops' Salaries, August; Children's Fund, Educational Fund, Foreign Missions, free-will offerings during the year.

The following appropriations were made: Chicago, First church, \$40; Rockford, \$50; East Peoria, Pekin and Bethel, \$25; Cary and Algonquin, \$45.

There was raised for publishing the minutes, \$32.20; by the W. F. M. S. during the year, \$1,528.60; raised at the missionary meeting Sunday afternoon, in cash and subscriptions, \$153.04.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON MEMOIRS

During the summer of the year 1883, when Rev. M. V. Clute was seeking for an assistant to share with him the burdens of the arduous duties of the pastorate at Aurora, Illinois, he conferred with Rev. J. G. Terrill, his district chairman, to assist him in finding a suitable person. Brother Terrill wrote to Rev. William Parry, of the New York conference, inquiring of him if he knew of a suitable young man—one who was spiritually-minded and called of God to the work of the ministry—whom he would recommend to them for this position. He soon received an answer to the effect that Albert W. Parry, his own son, would report if considered by them as suitable to meet the demands to engage him. After due consideration he was invited to come West and become the assistant pastor at Aurora, Illinois. In this capacity he labored with great acceptability for a period of about six months, or until the ensuing session of the annual conference. In the meantime the quarterly conference of the Fox River district recommended him to the conference as a suitable person for the traveling connection. He was accepted and given his first appointment as a traveling preacher by the Illinois annual conference, in the fall of 1883. He was at once recognized as an exceptionally bright, lucid and spiritual preacher, an able exponent and defender of the old-fashioned doctrines of Methodism.

During the years of his effective work Brother Parry did not confine his labors within the bounds of the Illinois conference. One year he was a district elder in the Wisconsin conference, and for another year was the financial agent for the Evansville Seminary. He also became the pastor of a Congregational church, which position necessitated the removal of his membership from the Free Methodist church. While the conference was in session at Morris, Illinois, in the year 1886, their being a shortage, and it being understood that Brother Parry was not satisfied with his change of church relations, a telegram was sent to him asking him to return to the Illinois conference. He accepted the invitation and was assigned to Aurora, where he put in two very pleasant and profitable years. In the fall of 1898 he was assigned to Evanston. During this year, on account of overstudy, he was taken ill, and in the fall of 1899 he was given a superannuated relation, which relation he sustained until his demise.

Brother Parry was a good man, one that loved our Lord Jesus Christ with sincerity. While afflicted with a disease that forbade very active efforts for his maintenance, yet his mind was very active, and he frequently wrote articles that were always worth a second reading. He sometimes would undertake preaching tours, and his labors were well received and the appreciation of the hearers was usually expressed in a substantial way by giv-

ing our needy brother a collection. The high esteem in which he was held by his conference has been repeatedly shown by the large and frequent collections given him at its annual sessions. We feel that our good brother, with all the good qualities evidenced, never reached the zenith of his usefulness among us, having been laid aside so early in his career as a pastor. Yet in all the long years of sickness with the discouragements incident to his inactivity, he never complained nor resented the dispensation of God that thus laid him aside, but lived a constant, consistent, spiritual life, ever hoping for the time when he would again be fitted to take work among the active workers in the vineyard of our God.

The Lord in His inscrutable ways gave him his release in a different way than that expected. In the earlier part of April of this year he was stricken with an irresistible desire to sleep. He made heroic efforts to overcome this, but when he found them futile he told his family that his end was nearing, so much so that he requested that his sister be sent for from the East. She was delayed from coming to his bedside for a few days. He then said to his wife, Emma, "If sister sees me when I am able to converse with her you will have to pray much that God will favor us in this regard." She came, but he was beyond ability to converse or recognize her. His soul had taken its flight. He simply slept his life away. The end came without a struggle. April 17, 1909. He went to sleep and awoke in glory.

Brother Parry was graduated from Wheaton College, from which institution he received his degree of B. D. He was a man of great literary ability, an incessant reader, a writer of no mean ability, and an exceptional sermonizer. In his demise the Illinois conference has lost a capable and valued member, the church an able defender of the truth, and the world at large a good, true, humble example of noble and Christian manhood.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

CHICAGO AND ELGIN DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conferences' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missions Society
CHICAGO DISTRICT																	
Chicago, First Church.....	E. G. Cryer, District Elder	31	7	38	3	3	1	8	140	7	13 95	5 68	6 82	1 00	.....	.....	\$ 25 52
" Second Church.....	B. R. Parks, supply.....	59	4	63	2	3	1	18	137	16	25 65	10 36	12 64	6 70	.....	.....	162 58
" Englewood.....	George H. Behner.....	44	2	46	1	1	1	10	90	15	23 65	9 54	11 66	5 30	.....	.....	.....
" Humboldt Park.....	W. M. Kelley.....	39	2	41	1	1	1	8	100	10	14 40	6 48	7 92	3 60	.....	.....	13 00
" Avenue Mission.....	E. G. Cryer.....	11	1	12	1	1	1	15	65	16	6 75	2 70	3 30	2 35	.....	.....	41 38
Evanston.....	F. D. Brooke.....	68	6	74	2	1	1	16	65	16	27 45	10 98	13 42	6 10	.....	.....	239 65
Aurora.....	D. W. Hart.....	21	1	22	1	1	1	6	42	4	8 65	3 42	4 18	2 85	.....	.....	17 02
St. Charles.....	P. W. Newcomer.....	35	6	41	1	1	1	12	77	10	14 40	6 76	7 04	4 00	.....	.....	17 02
Melrose Park.....	J. W. Hill.....	19	2	21	1	1	1	9	50	5	8 55	3 76	4 00	1 30	.....	.....	12 65
Glen Ellyn.....	Benj. L. Olmstead, supply.....	20	1	21	1	1	1	8	30	4	8 55	3 42	3 48	1 60	.....	.....	32 65
Harvey.....	John Will, supply.....	21	1	22	1	1	1	8	20	4	10 35	4 14	5 06	2 30	.....	.....	28 75
ELGIN DISTRICT																	
Elgin.....	W. G. Hamner, District Elder	43	4	47	1	1	1	8	50	8	17 10	6 84	8 36	3 30	.....	.....	20 65
Freeport.....	Henry Lenz.....	43	4	47	1	1	1	9	40	11	18 49	6 45	9 46	4 30	.....	.....	36 64
Ridott, Winnebago and Rockford.....	D. W. Fitch.....	50	4	54	1	1	2	15	80	12	22 95	9 18	11 22	7 65	.....	.....	24 05
Belvidere and Marengo.....	Bertha Ruback, supply.....	30	3	33	1	1	1	7	36	13	9 30	3 36	4 84	3 20	.....	.....	21 60
Woodstock.....	John D. Kelsey.....	35	4	39	1	1	1	9	60	6	15 75	6 30	7 70	3 50	.....	.....	41 03
Crystal Lake and Pleasant Valley.....	A. L. Wright.....	21	3	24	1	1	1	5	30	7	11 35	4 50	5 60	3 25	.....	.....	80 50
Cary and Algonquin.....	John R. Klein.....	13	1	14	1	1	1	7	30	7	5 55	2 54	2 86	1 35	.....	.....	19 78
Sycamore, So. Burlington, Dustin.....	M. L. Johnson.....	28	3	31	2	2	2	7	45	8	11 25	4 50	5 60	2 50	2 00
Franklin Grove and Ashton.....	W. G. Hamner.....	3	3	6	1	1	1	4	5	2	1 80	72	88	40

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PEORIA AND KEWANEE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
PEORIA DISTRICT	H. O. Hubbard, District Elder																	
Peoria.....	R. G. Wilkin.....	34	8	42	1	1	2	10	80	10	\$ 17 10	\$ 6 84	\$ 8 36	\$ 5 70	\$ 3 80	.....	.....	\$ 21 70
Peoria.....	H. O. Hubbard.....	17	9	26	1	1	1	8	26	2	7 65	3 06	3 74	2 65	1 68	.....	.....	.....
Peoria.....	George Mustard, supply.....	18	6	24	1	1	3	1	90	3	9 00	3 60	4 40	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....
Limestone and Farmington.....	G. C. Mills.....	10	2	12	1	1	1	8	30	3	4 95	1 98	2 42	1 65	1 10	.....	.....	.....
East Peoria and Bethel.....	N. I. Bigum.....	14	4	18	1	1	1	5	25	3	6 45	2 70	3 80	2 30	1 30	.....	\$ 6 84	.....
Deer Creek.....	M. F. Childs.....	24	7	31	1	1	1	8	30	9	3 90	3 96	6 24	2 20	2 30	.....	.....	19 67
Fairbury.....	C. M. Stridivant.....	24	8	32	1	1	2	10	75	4	12 00	5 34	6 30	4 50	8 00	.....	4 50	.....
Morris, Mazon and Joliet.....	H. O. Hubbard.....	16	16	32	1	1	1	4	15	4	8 10	3 24	3 86	2 70	1 80	.....	10 00	.....
Kempton and Mona.....																		
KEWANEE DISTRICT	H. O. Hubbard, District Elder																	
Kewanee and Galva.....	J. G. Rockenbach.....	71	5	76	1	1	2	10	75	10	31 95	12 78	15 82	10 65	7 10	.....	4 30	.....
Sheffield and Atkinson.....	H. O. Hubbard.....	19	19	38	1	1	1	3	40	6	8 82	3 96	4 84	3 50	2 30	.....	.....	.....
New Bedford.....	Frederick Steffen.....	18	18	36	1	1	1	1	10	1	13 10	3 24	3 24	2 70	1 80	.....	3 00	.....
Rock Island and Sherrard.....	John Harvey.....	31	6	37	2	2	2	10	70	9	13 50	5 40	6 60	4 50	3 00	.....	.....	31 61
Total.....		980	105	1085	20	15	38	245	1732	229	\$ 413 86	\$ 166 47	\$ 205 04	\$ 139 79	\$ 51 06		\$ 187 11	\$ 1065 94

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

CHICAGO, ELGIN, PEORIA AND KEWANEE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
CHICAGO DISTRICT												
Chicago, First Church.....	\$ 1 52		\$ 124 03	\$ 1 55	\$ 500 00		\$ 68 20			\$ 4000		
" Second Church.....		\$ 4 69	169 74	2 85	603 05	\$216	125 40	\$ 91 00	1	1700	1	\$ 2000
" Englewood.....	7 95		61 73	2 65	650 00	300	116 60	14 50	1	8000	1	3000
" Humboldt Park.....			94 00	1 80	700 00		78 00	30 00	1	4000	1	3000
Chicago Avenue Mission.....				75			31 80					
Evanston.....			135 00	3 05	625 00	240	134 20	67 50	1	8000	2	6800
Aurora.....	2 85		46 01	95	476 28	220	41 80	20 25	1	3000	1	2000
St. Charles.....	4 80		62 00	1 60	423 00	168	70 40	25 00	1	3200	1	2200
Melrose Park.....	1 00		47 32	90	338 80	180	41 00		1	3000	1	2800
Glen Ellyn.....			19 45	95	195 00		41 80		1	2000	1	3000
Harvey.....	3 45		18 25	1 15	198 37	96	50 00	12 00	1	2000	1	1500
ELGIN DISTRICT												
Elgin.....		4 39	34 75	1 90	500 00	180	91 20	20 09	1	6000	1	2000
Freeport.....			46 98	2 15	470 00	140	103 20	5 11	1	1700	1	2000
Ridott, Winnebago, Rockford...		2 28	73 04	2 55	308 51		122 40	10 98	2	3000		
Belvidere and Marengo.....	28 30		24 80	1 10	170 40	204	46 80	10 00	2	2700	2	2400
Woodstock.....			55 00	1 75	250 00		84 00		1	5500	1	2500
Crystal Lake, Pleasant Valley...	3 75	76	30 00	1 25	416 00	120	60 00	38 00	2	2500	1	1500
Oary and Algonquin.....	1 95		13 00	65	302 00	120	33 85	23 75	2	2500	1	1500
Sycamore, So. Burlington, etc			28 40	1 25	527 10	144	71 25	13 00	2	4000	1	1500
Franklin Grove and Ashton....							21 50		1	2000	1	1000
PEORIA DISTRICT												
Peoria.....			\$ 87 64	1 90	\$ 500 00	\$150	\$ 83 60		2	4500	1	2000
Pekin.....			22 93	85	42 24	37			1	2000		
Limestone and Farmington.....			86 06	1 00	153 00	72	44 00					
East Peoria and Bethel.....	\$ 1 65	\$ 2 42	17 75	55	300 00	120	25 25		2	2500	1	1200
Deer Creek.....	2 00		11 03		300 00	60	30 90		1	1955	1	700
Fairbury.....	50	76	30 31	1 10	327 53	120	43 40		1	2500	1	1500
Morris, Mazon and Joliet.....	4 50	2 20	37 90	1 50	450 00	110	66 00	10 00	2	3600	2	1500
Kempton and Mona.....	2 70			90	200 00	48	43 31		2	2500	1	1000
KEWANEE DISTRICT												
Kewanee and Galva.....	50	50	41 50	3 55	480 25	150	156 20		2	10000	1	3500
Sheffield and Atkinson.....	3 30			1 10					2	3000	1	750
New Bedford.....			20 00	90	340 00		40 46		1	1100	1	900
Rock Island and Sherrard.....	8 24		58 00	1 50	676 00	150	68 50	35 00	2	8000	1	2000
Total.....	\$53 02	\$17 90	\$1496 67	\$44 10	11422 13	3345	\$2039 92	\$ 416 18	41	114155	30	\$ 55650

NOTE.—Raised for Evansville Seminary: Second Church, Chicago, \$3.55; Glen Ellyn, \$2.85; Melrose Park, \$2.70; Evanston, \$9.15; Humboldt Park, \$5.49; Elgin, \$5.70; Sycamore and South Burlington, \$3.75; Freeport, \$6.45; Woodstock, \$5.25; Kewanee and Galva, \$10.65; Franklin Grove, \$6.00; New Bedford, \$2.70; Ridott, Winnebago and Rockford, \$7.65; Limestone and Farmington, \$3.00.

For Deaconess' Fund: Second Church, Chicago, \$66.00.

NORTH MINNESOTA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-third Annual Session, held at Alexandria,
Minnesota, September 15-19, 1909

OFFICERS

BURTON R. JONES, *President*

EMMA FISHER, *Secretary*

JESSE RANDALL, *Assistant Secretary*

JESSE RANDALL, *Sunday-school Secretary*

S. WAITE, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Burton R. Jones, S. Waite, F. P. Woodward.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On State of the Work—S. Waite, Charles Thompson.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—W. Barham, A. B. Newkirk.

On Reforms—F. P. Woodward, Charles Thompson.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—Amy Gregory.

On Education—S. Waite, J. Randall.

On Sunday-schools—J. Randall, A. S. Parks.

On Publications—E. A. Smith, Anna Partridge, W. Barham.

On Charities—A. S. Parks, Jessie Chantler.

On Claimants and Claims—Burton R. Jones, S. Waite, W. Barham, J. Randall, Charles Thompson.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

On Nominations—W. Barham, S. Waite.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—S. Waite,

On Reforms—F. P. Woodward,

On Publications—A. S. Parks,

On State of the Work—S. Waite.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

F. P. Woodward, for three years; W. Barham, for two years; S. Waite, for one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

F. P. Woodward, S. Waite, Charles Thompson, A. S. Parks, C. W. Johns.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Church Extension; second quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund, Permanent Fund; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries; fourth quarter, Home Missions (15 cents).

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Miss Emma Fisher; first vice-president, Mrs. Mattie Waite; second vice-president, Mrs. Rose Hall; recording secretary, Mrs. Mattie Waite; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Abbie Thompson; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Woodward; superintendent of Junior work, Mrs. Amy Gregory.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

S. Waite, for three years; Walter Barham, Frank W. Wilson, for two years; Frank P. Woodward, Charles N. Thompson, for one year.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

S. Waite,
W. Barham.

F. P. Woodward,
J. G. Norris.

A. S. Parks,

DELEGATES

Charles Thompson,
Jesse Randall.
B. E. Lane.

E. A. Smith,
Jessie Chantler,
Jacob Goodman,

C. W. Johns,
Amy Gregory,
Anna Partridge.

2. Who are the stationing committee? Burton R. Jones, S. Waite, Charles Thompson.

4. Who remain on trial? E. W. Winn, John Raffensparger, Albert B. Newkirk, Andrew L. DeBord.

6. Who are the deacons? A. S. Parks.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. G. Norris.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? H. T. Krousey, under censure.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

16-20. See statistical reports.

21. What amounts are necessary for superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? Mrs. A. M. Keniston, \$45.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Burtrum, Minnesota, as near the third Wednesday in September, 1910, as will suit the convenience of the bishops.

APPOINTMENTS

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT—S. WAITE, District Elder, Motley, Minnesota
Alexandria, Hudson and Carlos.....F. P. Woodward, Alexandria, Minnesota
South Haven and Main Prairie.....E. W. Winn, South Haven, “
Osakis, Clotho and Drywood....Albert Newkirk, Osakis, R. F. D. 1, “
Burtrum and Lake Beauty.....W. Barham, Burtrum, “
Browerville and Moran.....A. S. Parks, Browerville, R. F. D. 1, “
CornellTo be supplied
J. G. Norris, supernumerary.

PARK RAPIDS DISTRICT—S. WAITE, District Elder
Fort Ripley, Brainerd and Pine River....A. L. DeBord, Fort Rip-
ley, Minnesota; and George Northrup, supply, Brainerd, Minnesota
Wodena, Wrightstown, Park Rapids and Osage.....
.....J. Raffensparger, Park Rapids, “
Huff.....John Kiehl, supply, Randall, “
Motley and Bridgeman.....To be supplied
Fertile, Warren and Stevens.....To be supplied

S. Waite, member of the Park Rapids district quarterly conference; Gustaf A. Nelson, discontinued, membership at Motley, Minnesota.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-third annual session of the North Minnesota conference was held at Alexandria, Minnesota, September 15-18, 1909. Bishop Burton R. Jones presided in a satisfactory manner. He preached three times in his usual impressive manner with the unction of the Spirit. His addresses to the conference were a means of inspiration to hold forth the banner of holiness, also loyalty to our Zion.

Rev. J. W. Whiteside, of Wessington Springs, South Dakota, represented the interests of the publishing house and of Wessington Springs seminary. He preached three times and manifested an interest in the various departments of our work that made him a blessing to us.

Sister Lucy A. Hartman gave an interesting and profitable address on our work in Africa, and exhibited some curios that attracted much interest. An offering of \$39.43 cash and \$15 subscriptions was taken. The W. F. M. S. has raised \$173.25 in cash this year, besides a valuable box of goods.

An interesting and profitable Sunday-school convention was held on Friday. The Sunday-school work is on the up-grade, through the faithful efforts of our devoted and efficient Sunday-school secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Paid, \$112.95.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Paid, \$37.65.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Paid, \$45.18.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Paid, \$25.10.

PERMANENT FUND—Paid, \$12.55.

HOME MISSIONS—Paid, \$2.59.

Total, \$236.02.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH MINNESOTA CONFERENCE

ALEXANDRIA AND PARK RAPIDS DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT												
Alexandria, Hudson and Carlos	\$ 2 40	\$ 37 26	\$ 1 60	\$ 350 00	\$60	\$ 40 00			2	\$ 2500	1	\$ 1000
South Haven and Main Prairie		20 00	60	360 00	84	32 14	\$ 13 71		1	800	1	600
O-akis, Clotho and Drywood	2 00	11 25	85	132 00		40 00	23 35		1	500	1	300
Burtrum and Lake Beauty	3 70	73 09	2 35	254 21	50	48 00	58 70		1	1000	1	800
Brownville and Moran	3 15	25 37	1 88	243 64	60	40 00			2	1500	1	800
Cornell			20			36 81	20 00					
PARK RAPIDS DISTRICT												
Fort Ripley		11 00	65	135 25	60	21 72	1 00		1	800	1	600
Brainerd		8 00	45	5 00		23 05						
Huff				51 95		5 25			1	200		
Motley	2 27	35 00		6 00	36	38 90	4 5		1	1000	1	500
Wadena and Wrightstown			55	104 53		28 60			1	2 0	1	450
Park Rapids			40	41 68		2 20			1	200	1	500
Fertile and Thief River			40			43 56			1		1	
Total	\$13 52	\$ 220 97	\$ 9 93	\$1684 26	350	\$399 62	\$ 161 76		12	\$ 8750	9	\$ 5550

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH MINNESOTA CONFERENCE

ALEXANDRIA AND PARK RAPIDS DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodists" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions Claims	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claims	Woman's Foreign Missions Societies
ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT																		
	S. Waite, District Elder																	
Alexandria, Hudson and Carlos.....	F. P. Woodward.....	34	2	36	1	1	2	14	60	10	\$ 14 40	\$ 5 75	.....	\$ 4 80	\$ 3 20	.....	.....	\$ 92 97
South Haven and Main Prairie.....	E. W. Winn.....	15	1	16	1	1	1	7	41	7	5 40	3 65	1 80	1 80	1 20	.....	.....	7 00
Osakis, Iotho and Drywood.....	Albert Newkirk.....	29	1	30	1	1	1	7	7	6	7 65	8 46	2 55	2 55	1 70	.....	.....	44 84
Burtrum and Lake Beauty.....	W. Barham.....	48	3	51	2	2	2	10	70	6	21 15	17 05	1 50	7 05	4 70	.....	.....	.....
Browerville and Moran.....	A. S. Parks.....	35	2	37	.....	2	8	60	60	4	1 80	6 74	5 60	5 60	3 80	.....	.....	.....
Cornell.....	Supplied.....	6	3	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1 80	72	5 60	5 60	40	.....	.....	.....
PARK RAPIDS DISTRICT																		
	S. Waite, District Elder																	
Fort Ripley.....	John Raffensperger.....	11	1	12	.....	1	1	7	25	2	5 85	2 34	1 84	2 25	1 30	.....	.....	1 50
Brainerd.....	George Northrup, supply.....	8	6	14	1	1	1	8	25	1	4 05	1 62	1 35	1 35	90	.....	.....	50 00
Huff.....	John Kiehl, supply.....	18	5	23	1	1	1	5	35	6	5 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Modley.....	Supplied.....	26	6	32	1	1	2	11	100	2	13 95	5 88	4 65	.....	3 10	.....	.....	8 02
Wadena and Wrightstown.....	Preston Linn, supply.....	12	1	13	.....	1	1	2	4	6	4 85	1 98	4 65	1 10	.....	.....	.....	.....
Park Rapids.....	A. L. DeBord.....	8	.....	8	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	5	3 80	1 44	1 84	1 20	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fertile and Thief River.....	Gertrude LaDue, supply.....	12	2	14	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	3	3 60	1 44	1 06	1 20	80	.....	.....	4 20
Total.....		262	30	292	5	513	77	420	52	\$ 103 85	\$ 41 30	\$ 23 99	\$ 29 10	\$ 21 10	.....	.....	.....	\$208 53

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Tenth Annual Session, held at Enid, Oklahoma,
1909 September 1-4, 1909

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*

T. H. ALLEN, *Secretary*

O. L. DAVENPORT, *Assistant Secretary*

G. M. HADDUCK, *Treasurer*

C. E. HARROUN, JR., T. H. ALLEN, J. L. BROWN, *Sunday-school Secretaries*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Walter A. Sellew, T. H. Allen, E. O. Davenport.

On Education—O. L. Davenport, J. M. Seacord, W. E. McWilliams.

On Publications—Melvin Wright, E. A. Andrews, F. G. Bower.

On Secret Societies—N. C. Swigart, J. H. Wright, H. H. Isbell.

On Sunday-schools—Slade Freer, E. A. Andrews, J. W. Boye.

On Prohibition—C. E. Harroun, Jr., J. L. Brown, J. M. Blakely.

On Reforms—M. L. Lancaster, J. M. Seacord, M. S. Allen, G. M. Hadduck.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. M. Seacord, J. H. Brittain,

O. L. Davenport, E. O. Davenport, E. A. Andrews, F. G. Bower.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—Slade Freer.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Charities—C. W. VanTreese, T. H. Allen, Melvin Wright.

On Auditing the Treasurer's Accounts—N. C. Swigart, E. Andrews.

On Memoirs—T. H. Allen, N. C. Swigart, J. H. Brittain.

On Ministerial Efficiency—C. E. Harroun, Jr., T. H. Allen, O. L. Davenport, J. W. Evinger.

On State of the Work—T. H. Allen, J. L. Brown, G. M. Hadduck.

On Complimentary Resolutions—J. L. Brown.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—Walter A. Sellew, C. E. Harroun, Jr., T. H. Allen, J. M. Blakely, G. L. Anderson.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Ministerial Support—E. A. Andrews. *On Reforms*—J. L. Brown,

On Sunday-schools—C. E. Harroun,

On Aggressive Evangelism—T. H. Allen, Jr.,

On Charities—E. O. Davenport.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

C. E. Harroun, Jr., president, term expires in 1911; T. H. Allen, secretary, term expires in 1910; J. L. Brown, term expires in 1912.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

T. H. Allen, president; C. E. Harroun, Jr., secretary; J. L. Brown, treasurer; G. M. Hadduck, G. L. Anderson.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

T. H. Allen, president; C. E. Harroun, Jr., secretary, for three years; G. L.

Anderson, for one year; J. L. Brown, treasurer; J. M. Blakely, for two years.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY

C. E. Harroun, Jr., president; T. H. Allen, secretary; G. M. Hadduck, treasurer; J. L. Brown, Melvin Wright.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Rilla Allen, president, Enid, Oklahoma; Mrs. Effie Carver, treasurer, Cashion, Oklahoma; Mrs. Marilla Freer, vice-president, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Mrs. Glendora Bugg, secretary, Tonkawa, Oklahoma.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents); Church Extension Fund (10 cents); second quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Permanent Fund (5 cents); third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Missions (10 cents), Delegates' Expenses to General Conference.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. E. Harroun, Jr.,
Slade Freer,
Melvin Wright,
W. E. McWilliams,
T. D. North,
J. H. Brittain,
H. O. Radford,
C. J. Mattenly,
Carey Fisher,

J. L. Brown,
C. W. VanTreese,
G. M. Hadduck,
O. L. Davenport,
M. L. Lancaster,
J. S. Cornish,
L. M. Tinker,
J. K. Webb,
U. S. Pitsenberger,

T. H. Allen,
N. C. Swigart,
E. O. Davenport,
E. A. Andrews,
Harry Peacock,
D. C. Sparks,
C. E. Harroun, Sr.,
J. H. Wright,
W. F. Campbell.

DELEGATES

J. W. Evinger,
Cora Flenor,
A. O. Cain,
Abbie K. Wall,
J. M. Blakely,
W. W. Bentley,
J. H. Smith,
R. S. Street,

M. Halleck,
A. E. Lewis,
W. I. Lewis,
Lee Herrod,
J. W. Boye,
F. G. Bower,
B. F. Lansdown,
G. L. Anderson,

C. E. Bryant,
M. S. Allen,
Carrie Reilly,
Jennie Johnson,
J. M. Seacord,
Frank Johnson,
George G. Bathurst,
F. M. Newkirk.

2. Who are the stationing committee? Walter A. Sellow, C. E. Harroun, Jr., T. H. Allen, J. L. Brown, G. L. Anderson, J. M. Blakely, J. W. Evinger.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? O. D. Marlow, Cecil Devor, Arthur Myers, H. H. Isbell.

4. Who remain on trial? G. W. Bugg, M. V. Whetzell, E. N. Cobb, W. O. Newell.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? Carey Fisher, W. F. Campbell, U. S. Pitsenberger.

6. Who are the deacons? W. E. McWilliams, E. O. Davenport, T. D.

North, D. C. Sparks, J. K. Webb, J. H. Wright, Carey Fisher, W. F. Campbell, U. S. Pitsenberger, H. H. Isbell (on trial.)

7. Who have been ordained elders this year? O. L. Davenport, E. A. Andrews.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. None.

10. Who are the superannuated, or worn-out preachers? C. E. Harroun, Sr., C. Mattenly, H. O. Radford.

11, 12. None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer? L. M. Tinker, J. H. Brittain, Harry Peacock, J. K. Webb, W. O. Newell.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. Who have died this year? J. M. Reilly.

16-23. See statistics.

21. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? C. E. Harroun, Sr., \$150; C. Mattenly, \$150.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Enid, Oklahoma, in Lakewood Park, in connection with a conference camp-meeting, to commence August 31, 1910, as the only date to secure the park for camp-meeting and conference.

MISCELLANEOUS

The eleventh annual session was held in connection with a conference camp-meeting, at Lakewood Park, Enid, Oklahoma, September 1-4, 1909.

Lakewood Park, with its large pavillion, other buildings, good shade, good water, and electric lights, is an ideal place for a conference and camp-meeting. About one hundred tents and a building allowed us for use was occupied by about seven hundred persons. The congregations were large. Much attention was given to the preaching of the truth.

Quite a number were saved and sanctified wholly. Much of the Spirit's presence attended the services. The saints were of one heart and of one soul.

Bishop Walter A. Sellow presided with his usual ability. He gave several practical addresses to the conference, preached five good sermons, and delivered an excellent missionary address Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Rebecca Sellow represented the publishing house very acceptably and made a fair sale of books.

Carey Fisher and W. F. Campbell were ordained deacons. O. L. Davenport and E. A. Andrews were ordained elders.

The three district elders were elected as Sunday-school secretaries.

G. M. Hadduck was re-elected treasurer.

A conference missionary society was elected.

Five hundred dollars was raised in subscriptions for conference missionary work, and the society was instructed to raise an additional five hundred dollars during the year. The society was instructed to purchase one or more portable iron houses for use in opening new work in the towns and cities of our state.

A large congregation listened to the missionary address on Sunday after-

noon. One thousand five hundred eighty-three dollars seventy-one cents was raised in cash and subscription for foreign missions.

Two hundred eighty-five dollars was taken in subscriptions for the conference claimants' permanent fund. Two thousand five hundred fifty dollars was taken in cash and subscriptions for all purposes.

The W. F. M. S. received during the year for missions, \$1,208.98.

APPOINTMENTS

PONCA DISTRICT—C. E. HARROUN, JR., District Elder, Box 33,
Augusta, Oklahoma

Ponca, Maple Grove and Uncas.....	W. E. McWilliams, Kildare, Oklahoma
Tonkawa.....	G. W. Bugg, Tonkawa, "
Perry and Lone Elm.....	E. N. Cobb, Perry, "
Yale, Antioch, Valley and Manford.....	M. V. Whetzell, Yale, "
Tulsa and Muskogee.....	To be supplied

W. O. Newell, granted certificate of good standing; C. E. Harroun, Jr., member Ponca district quarterly conference.

GUTHRIE DISTRICT—C. E. HARROUN, JR., District Elder

Guthrie and Pleasant Valley.....	
.....	O. L. Davenport, 1124 West Mansur street, Guthrie, Oklahoma
Oklahoma City	
.....	Slade Freer, 1510 West Sixth street, Oklahoma City, "
Norman, Purcell and Sulphur.....	Anna Batchelder, supply, Norman, "
Wellston, Eagle Creek and Oak Grove.....	
.....	L. G. Hobert, supply, Chandler, "
Waterloo.....	M. C. Paul, supply, Waterloo. "

Harry Peacock, J. H. Brittain, granted certificate of good standing; H. O. Radford, superannuated, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

ENID DISTRICT—T. H. ALLEN, District Elder, Enid, Oklahoma

Enid, Waukomis and Elmdale.....	Cary Fisher, Anna Fisher, sup-
.....	ply, 324 West Oak street, Enid, Oklahoma
Nashville.....	Abbie K. Wall, supply, Nashville, "
Eddy, Satchel Valley and Medford.....	J. H. Wright, Eddy, "
Wakita and Prairie Queen.....	E. O. Davenport, Wakita, "

J. K. Webb, granted certificate of good standing; T. H. Allen, member of Enid district quarterly conference.

CLEO DISTRICT—T. H. ALLEN, District Elder

Wisby and Clymer.....	H. H. Isbell, Aline, Oklahoma
Augusta, Helena and Aline.....	G. M. Hadduck, Augusta, "
Isabella, Ames and Dane.....	H. F. Cooper, supply, Isabella, "
Moscow and Cedardale.....	W. F. Campbell, Mutual, "
Alva and Green Valley.....	To be supplied
Supply and Star schoolhouse.....	J. N. Chance, supply, Supply, Oklahoma

J. W. McIrvin, transferred to the Platte River conference; C. E. Harroun, Sr., superannuated, Augusta, Oklahoma; C. Mattenly, superannuated, Augusta, Oklahoma.

BEAVER DISTRICT—T. H. ALLEN, District Elder

Beaver City, Sunset and Cline.....	H. W. VanTreese, Logan, Oklahoma
Guymon and Verne.....	O. D. Marlow, Guymon, "

GEARY DISTRICT—J. L. BROWN, District Elder, Geary, Oklahoma

Geary.....	Melvin Wright, Geary, Oklahoma
Watonga and Oak Grove.....	Cecil Devor, Watonga, “
Cashion and Bethel.....	E. A. Andrews, Cashion, “
Thomas, Liberty Chapel and Oakwood.....	N. C. Swigart, Dillon, “
Selling and Camargo.....	Arthur Myers, Selling, “

L. M. Tinker, granted certificate of good standing; D. C. Sparks, left without appointment, Selling, Oklahoma; T. D. North, left without appointment, Dillon, Oklahoma; J. L. Brown, member of Geary district quarterly conference.

HOBART DISTRICT—J. L. BROWN, District Elder

Hobart, Lone Wolf and Ernest schoolhouse.....	
.....	M. L. Lancaster, Hobart, Oklahoma
Port Zion Chapel and Canute.....	U. S. Pitsenberger, Sentinel, “

CHICKASHA DISTRICT—J. L. BROWN, District Elder

Chickasha.....	To be supplied
Anadarko and Verden.....	J. S. Cornish, Anadarko, Oklahoma

ORDAINED LOCAL PREACHERS

L. C. Gould, Pleasant Valley, Oklahoma	M. C. Paul.....Waterloo, Oklahoma
J. W. Hough.....Hennessey, Oklahoma	J. W. Linton.....Norman, “
G. B. Hall..Guthrie, No. 4, “	James Tiernan.....Purcell, “
A. S. Doughty....Tonkawa, Oklahoma	George Seacord .....Cline, “

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

J. H. Grovier.....Guymon, Oklahoma	Anna R. Fisher.....Enid, Oklahoma
Phebe Grovier ...Guymon, “	Anna Batchelder..Norman, “
Lydia A. Newberry, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	M. Neu .....Augusta, “
	Pearl Wells.....Aline, “

LOCAL PREACHERS—LICENSED

R. M. Reed.....Cedardale, Oklahoma	J. H. Castleberry, Arapaho, Oklahoma
Charles Catlett..Cedardale, “	homa
S. D. Dougherty..Cedardale, “	Elmer Smith.....Tonkawa, Oklahoma
F. G. Bower.....Laverty, “	H. J. Musser..Indianapolis, “
D. P. Anderson, Chickasha, Oklahoma	Frank Carver.....Cashion, “
S. B. Walter.....Mutual, Oklahoma	Alva Martin .....Alva, “
Robert Hudson, Lone Wolf, “	C. L. North.....Sparks, “
W. H. Maddox.....Port, “	G. W. Blakely....Wellston, “
C. T. Reese.....Dill, “	S. J. Smith.....Wakita, “
J. H. Bass.....Dillon, “	J. N. Mellinger, Greenville, Illinois
C. S. Cutler, No. 1, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	W. A. McEwen
Alva Herrington, 1507 West Fifth street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	W. S. Vanderhoofen, Norman, Oklahoma
G. W. Sumpter, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	A. E. Lewis.....Guthrie, Oklahoma
	G. C. Houseman..Guymon, “
	W. C. Fair.....Muskogee, “
	C. A. Elliott...Chickasha, “

LOCAL EVANGELISTS

Abbie K. Wall...	Nashville, Oklahoma	Synthia Mitchell..	Augusta, Oklahoma
Amanda Graham,	Isabella, Okla.	Georganna North.....	Fay. "
homa		Lela Myers	Geary, "
Mary J. Cornish,	Anadarko, Okla.	J. N. Chance.....	Supply, "
homa		Lou C. Cornelius.....	Port, "

TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Assessed and paid, \$402.30.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$160.92.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$134.10.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND—Assessed and paid, \$89.40.

PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$44.70.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$223.50.

CHILDREN'S FUND—Paid, \$24.15.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—Paid, \$14.13.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Paid, \$38.26.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—\$1,208.98.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

We appreciate the efforts that have been made during the past year to improve our Sunday-school work, and are gratified by the increased interest of our people as seen by our utilizing more of the modern methods of Sunday-school activity.

Although the Oklahoma conference is comparatively of recent origin, it ranks "fourteen" among the conferences in number of schools and also in number of scholars. We consider the Sunday-school of inestimable importance in qualifying the young for future usefulness in the church. We insist on adhering *strictly* to Discipline in the organization and operating of Sunday-schools. In Article 237, we read the following: "For the moral and religious instruction of the children it shall be the *special* duty of preachers having charge of circuits, with the aid of the other preachers, to form Sunday-schools in all our congregations where ten children can be collected for that purpose." We believe that Free Methodists who refuse to coöperate with their pastor in organizing and carrying on Sunday-schools according to the rules governing the same are guilty of violating the Discipline.

In Article 122 of the Discipline, we find the following with reference to "union with others." "We have Christian fellowship and love for all persons of whatever denomination, who show by their lives that they 'follow peace with all men and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord.' We will unite with all well-disposed persons in an open and Christian manner in promoting social and civil reforms. But we *can not* unite where we are required to compromise our principles in holding union meetings with any person, or denomination, whose practical standard of Christian character and church fellowship is obviously below that plainly set forth in the New Testament." We believe that the truth herein set forth applies to all departments of our church activity; and for our people to coöperate in organizing union Sunday-schools with those above described is a violation of the spirit of the Discipline.

The camp-meeting Sunday-schools have been a success; and therefore we recommend that they be held in connection with every district camp-meeting during the coming year.

We appreciate the efforts that have been put forth by our conference Sunday-school secretary, but recognize that because of his duties as district elder on the Ponca and Guthrie districts he has been unable to fully prose-

cute the work in the other districts of the conference. Therefore, we recommend that each of the three district elders be elected Sunday-school secretaries to serve on their respective districts.

II.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK

This year has come and gone as a watch in the night. Truly, "Time speeds away, away, away." Ten years of toil and sacrifice have passed away since the organization of our conference. The conference was organized October 21, 1899, at Emporia, Kansas. Three preachers and five delegates composed the organization. The statistics show a membership of 167 in full and 21 on probation in the Oklahoma territory.

In 1903, the Cleo district, with a membership of 267 in full and 46 probationers, was taken from the West Kansas conference and attached to this conference. Two churches were reported valued at \$900.

The statistics of 1908 gives the number of ministers as 26; members in full connection, 884. This shows an increase of 460 members in nine years, or an average yearly increase of 51 members. The churches number 18, valued at \$24,300. The number of parsonages, 16, valued at \$10,550. This shows a yearly average increase of two churches for nine years, and a yearly average increase of 1 7-9 in the number of parsonages for the same time; also a yearly financial increase of \$2,600 for churches and of \$1,172 for parsonages. From present reports our membership numbers 893 in full and 116 on probation.

One church has been erected at Uncas during the year. Six hundred dollars has been expended on the church property at Geary. A new parsonage has been built at Enid, valued at \$1,000. Parsonages are in the process of erection at Seiling and at Lone Elm, near Perry. Improvements have been made on other properties in the conference.

The year has been one of hard labor and sacrifice. We should be thankful that labor and not success is the basis of reward. "Your labor is not in vain in the Lord." Yet in our successes we have just cause for thankfulness and encouragement and also for self-abasement and humiliation. The days in which we live are perilous. The spirit of speculation and commercialism is dense. Worldly, fashionable religionists are more self-assured and self-satisfied than ever before.

The secret empire, as an un-Christian, un-American lodge system, is in competition with and antagonistic to the religion of Jesus Christ. Semi-infidel religions are boldly and aggressively pushed to the front alongside of orthodox formalism, and in opposition to supernatural religion. The moral atmosphere is thick with unbelief and skepticism.

In his hymn, "Enemies to be Met," Charles Wesley has well said,

"Angels our march oppose,
Who still in strength excel,
Our secret, sworn, eternal foes,
Countless, invisible;
From thrones of glory driven,
By flaming vengeance hurled,
They throng the air, and darken heaven,
And rule this lower world.

"But shall believers fear?
But shall believers fly?
Or see the bloody cross appear
And all their powers defy?
By all hell's host withstood,
We all hell's host o'erthrow;
And, conqu'ring them through Jesus' blood
We on to conquer go."

This is no time to give way to unbelief. We must still have confidence

in the gospel we preach. If we fail a thousand times we must not be discouraged but push the battle on.

If we would have more success we must be more aggressive. As a rule every pastor should be his own evangelist, and spend from three to six months in revival meetings each year.

A true minister is one who has a message. The minister does not make the message. The message makes the minister. A pentecostal revival of religion will have more to do in the making of a successful New Testament minister of the Gospel than any other thing with which he may have to do. While we must not neglect the old saints who furnish the sinews of war, yet we must extend our work into new fields. The saints should consecrate themselves and their means to the same standard required of the ministers who labor among them. "Herein is my Father glorified that ye bear much fruit." The fruit of one Christian is another Christian, and of one circuit is another circuit.

The practise of securing the services of an evangelist for a ten days' meeting at much expense and with little fruit is of doubtful utility. In our efforts to open our work in the towns and cities we are hindered from lack of means, efficient laborers and suitable places in which to hold our meetings. To obviate this difficulty in a measure at least, we suggest the election of a conference missionary society, which shall be authorized to raise money and to secure efficient ministers and laborers to hold meetings in the towns and cities of our state, and to consider the advisability of opening mission work in any of our cities. As portable iron churches can be purchased for about \$300, we suggest that this conference take some action to purchase one or more such churches, and that \$500 be raised by this conference, to be increased to \$1,000 by the solicitations of the conference missionary society, to be used at the discretion of the society in opening new work in this conference.

III.—ON EDUCATION

Your committee on education respectfully submits the following report:

The subject of education is one of the most important that can engage our attention. It is co-ordinate with religion. While education has for its particular province the development and training of the mental powers, yet it should in its ideals and in practise conduce and conform to the highest physical and moral culture. Ignorance is the soil in which superstition and vice flourish best. A nation sunk in ignorance is not capable of self-government. It must eventually fall a prey to despotism and tyranny. Our prosperity and liberty as a nation will be best maintained by securing to each child the most liberal educational advantages. As loyal American citizens we rejoice in the liberality with which our state and national governments have provided for popular instruction. Practically every American child enjoys the privilege of at least an elementary education.

As members with others in the body of Christ, we rejoice in the interest Christians of all ages and climes have taken in this subject. Wherever the missionary of the cross goes into the midst of heathen ignorance and degradation one of his first undertakings is to instruct the young. Many of the higher institutions of learning are maintained by religious organizations.

But while we appreciate the merits of our educational institutions we can not close our eyes to their defects. Chief among these we note the tendency to infidelity. In many of our schools God is little known. Where God is not known sin abounds. All such schools are characterized by pride and worldliness. Another defect worthy of notice is the fact, as the honored president of one of the large eastern universities has lately declared, that "athletics, secret societies, and social functions consume the students' thought and interest." The emulation among the students is not of the scholarly man. The editor of the college literary magazine may not be known by half of the student body, but the captain of the foot-ball team is known by all. The winner of the intercollegiate debate walks home alone, but the winners of athletic events are carried home on the shoulders of the admiring student crowd.

In such an atmosphere converted young people almost invariably backslide.

We rejoice in the efforts our own church has made to provide opportunities for education free from these defects. Our schools will be one of our chief means of growth and strength as a church. They labor under great difficulties and are deserving of our support and patronage. The question of the establishment of a school by our conference should be considered thoughtfully and prayerfully, that no mistake may be made and that God may be glorified.

As citizens of Oklahoma, appreciative of our common schools and having the best interest of the scholars at heart, we deplore the fact that the readers adopted and in use in the schools of this state are so largely filled with fairy stories. We do not absolutely condemn all fiction. That which is founded upon fact and is true to life and nature may be of real value. But fairy stories are not founded upon fact nor true in any sense. The literature used in the instruction of youth should be such as will awaken and gratify a love for knowledge and truth. These fairy stories can but fail in this respect. In our opinion they should be eliminated from the course of study.

IV.—ON PROHIBITION

The constantly increasing territory which is coming under the operation of prohibition laws, is cause for godly thanksgiving.

The various laws prohibiting the sale, manufacture, importation and exportation of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes, are enforced as well as can be expected, when we consider the fact that, in the majority of cases, their enforcement is in the hands of men, nominated and placed in office by political parties, hostile to prohibition.

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The growth of prohibition as expressed in legislation and the consequent falling off of the consumption of liquor, has brought consternation to the camp of liquordom. From an advance report of the United States internal revenue bureau for the year 1909 we get the following: During the years of 1907 to 1909 there was an actual shrinkage of 89,000,621.31 gallons of liquor, as compared with the years 1905 and 1906. The decrease in whisky sales is 37,882,607 gallons. This shrinkage represents a saving by the drink of \$464,449,997.15. Comparing the shrinkage from 1907 with 1909 at the rate of four drinks a day per man, it reveals that about 1,408,098 men no longer patronize the saloon as formerly, or in 1907.

The base insincerity of brewers, distillers and wholesale dealers in declaring for reform and obedience to the laws is manifest in their maintaining gambling and wine rooms for the ruin of women, selling to minors and drunkards, and violating Sunday closing laws, and shipping into territory where the sale of liquor is forbidden.

Through internal revenue and interstate shipping laws, large quantities of liquors are being shipped into our state. This condition has been charged to the agency laws in order to embarrass what effective prohibition we have.

The matter of licensing, regulating or prohibiting the traffic in intoxicating liquors, has been in party politics since 1872, when the Raster resolution was adopted as the sixteenth plank of the Republican platform at Philadelphia; and also in 1876, when the Democratic party adopted a similar resolution. The subject logically remains in party politics until a party committed to the principle and execution of prohibition wins the battle at the polls. We would reaffirm our past utterances upon this subject.

We recommend to our people for reliable, national news regarding the whole subject of prohibition, *The National Prohibitionist*. A most gigantic plot has been laid to ruin this organ of the prohibition party and imprison its editor. Prohibitionists all over the nation are rallying to the rescue. In this trying crisis every prohibitionist should at least assist to promote the cause by subscribing for the greatest exponent the cause has in the whole field of journalism.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

PONCA, GUTHRIE, ENID AND CLEO DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
PONCA DISTRICT																		
Ponca, Maple Grove, Uncas, etc.....	C. E. Harroun, Jr., Dist. Elder	51	...	51	...	...	3	20	80	17	\$ 22 05	\$ 8 82	\$ 12 25	\$ 7 35	\$ 4 90	...	...	\$ 37 19
Tonkawa and Hitterock.....	Shade Freer.....	14	...	14	2	1	1	6	17	6	4 95	1 98	2 75	1 55	1 10	...	...	10 00
Perry and Lone Elm.....	W. O. Newell.....	25	5	31	1	1	1	7	50	11	13 95	5 68	7 75	4 65	3 10	...	...	45 00
Yale and Antioch.....	G. M. Haddock.....	23	5	34	1	1	1	10	50	11	16 30	6 44	9 00	5 40	3 60	...	...	...
Pleasant Valley.....	E. N. Cobb.....	6	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 21	2 38	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manford.....	C. E. Harroun, Jr.....	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Muskogee.....	C. E. Harroun, Jr.....	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 50	36	...	...	...	...	...	...
GUTHRIE DISTRICT																		
Guthrie.....	C. E. Harroun, Jr., Dist. Elder	42	4	46	3	1	1	8	55	10	15 30	7 56	10 67	6 30	4 20	...	...	18 10
Oklahoma City.....	H. O. Radford.....	51	13	64	3	1	1	7	65	10	12 60	5 04	7 00	4 20	2 80	...	\$ 7 68	20 94
Hanna, Mustang and Brittain.....	F. H. Brittain.....	7	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 16	1 25	1 75	1 05	70	...	...	...
Norman and Purcell and Sulphur.....	Anna Bacheider, supply.....	17	1	18	4	1	1	5	30	4	5 14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chandler and Wellston.....	J. N. Wellinger, supply.....	19	...	19	3	3	18	80	7	6 30	2 52	3 50	2 10	2 40	...	...	...	...
Waterloo.....	U. S. Pitseberger.....	8	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	4 75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
ENID DISTRICT																		
Enid, Waukomis and Elmdale.....	T. H. Allen, District Elder	48	1	49	1	1	1	9	34	20	24 30	9 72	13 50	8 10	5 40	...	...	8 50
Nashville.....	E. O. Davenport.....	42	...	42	...	...	1	10	42	6	7 25	2 70	3 75	2 25	1 50	...	...	115 00
Reddy, Satchel Valley and Medford.....	G. W. Bugg.....	1	13	31	1	1	1	7	33	3	7 20	2 83	4 00	2 40	1 60	...	...	...
Wakita and Prairie Queen.....	Carey F. Noel.....	54	2	56	1	1	1	10	80	12	13 45	7 30	13 52	6 15	4 10	...	...	15 00
CLEO DISTRICT																		
Wishy and Clymer.....	T. H. Allen, District Elder	52	3	55	1	1	3	17	85	15	23 85	9 54	13 25	7 95	5 30	...	13 18	41 57
Augusta, Helena and Allene.....	C. W. Van Treese.....	31	3	34	1	1	1	5	24	12	15 75	6 30	8 75	5 25	3 50	...	60 00	...
Isabella, Ames and Dane.....	O. L. Davenport.....	28	24	52	1	2	3	18	120	9	18 80	4 32	6 00	3 60	2 40	...	...	...
Moscow and Cedarlat.....	J. S. Cornish.....	34	2	36	5	1	3	13	120	10	16 30	6 85	9 50	5 70	3 80	...	...	21 70
Green Valley and Franklin.....	H. F. Coover, supply.....	9	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	3	1 85	1 52	65	1 35	50	...	...	...
Woodward and Supply.....	S. H. J. W. McIlvin.....	7	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	1	3 15	39	...	...	...	...	...	...

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

BEAVER, GEARY, HOBART AND CHICKASHA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER										Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies	
BEAVER DISTRICT	T. H. Allen, District Elder																											
	W. F. Campbell	25	1	26	1	3	9	70	6	13 82	1 88	8 65	5 55	3 70														
	George Scaud, supply	7	1	8	1	2	7	3	4	4 05	67																	
	O. D. Martow, supply	12	3	15	1	2	7	3	4	7 08	1 08	1 50	90	60														
	J. E. Grovier, supply	5		5		1	7	40	2	2 76																		
GEARY DISTRICT	J. L. Brown, District Elder																											
	E. A. Andrews	38	7	45	1	1	1	10	85	18 00	7 21	10 00	6 00	4 00														
	W. E. McWilliams	62	13	75	1	3	25	110	21	24 30	9 72	13 50	7 55	5 40														
	Cashion and Bethel	11	5	16	1	1	1	6	26	6	4 95	1 08	2 75	1 65	1 10													
	Waronga and Etna	46	2	48	2	1	11	80	10	16 30	6 48	9 00	5 40	3 60														
	Dillon, Liberty Chapel, etc.	27	2	29	1	2	7	15	9	13 95	5 88	7 75	4 65	3 11														
	W. O. North	6		6		1			2	2 25	90	1 27	75	50														
Selling and Camargo																												
Thomas																												
HOBART DISTRICT	J. L. Brown, District Elder																											
	Port and Zion Chapel	38	2	40	4	1	7	45	10	26 55	10 62	11 83	8 85	5 90														
	Canute, Elk City and Hefner	16		16					2	4 50	1 80	2 50	1 50	1 00														
	Lone Wolf, Roosevelt, etc.	12	1	13					4	2 70	1 08	1 50	1 90	60														
CHICKASHA DISTRICT	J. L. Brown, District Elder																											
	C. A. Elliot, supply	7		7		1	4	25	2	3 15	1 25	1 75	1 05	70														
	M. V. Whetzel	18	4	22	2	1	7	27	6	96	1 62	2 25	1 35	90														
Total		883	116	1009	36	13	40	267	1404	255	\$ 392 72	\$ 145 95	\$ 196 84	\$ 121 50	\$ 82 40												\$ 113 26	\$ 460 00

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

PONCA, GUTHRIE, ENID, CLEO, BEAVER, GEARY, HOBART AND CHICKASKA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Pastors	Value of Personal Property
PONCA DISTRICT												
Ponca, Maple Grove, Uncos, etc.	\$ 4 50	\$ 4 75	\$ 49 66	\$ 2 45	\$ 500 00	\$ 60	\$ 78 06	.....	2	\$ 2300	1	\$ 600
Tonkawa and Whit-rock	.....	.....	15 63	55	175 29	120	36 64	.....	1	2000	1	1000
Perry and Lone Elm	.....	.....	23 33	1 55	213 36	.....	58 84	\$ 18 30	1	900	.....	.....
Yale and Antioch	.....	.....	35 37	1 80	275 06	50	59 52	4 35	1	900	1	400
Plea ant Valley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Manford	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Muskogee	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
GUTHRIE DISTRICT												
Guthrie	.....	.....	26 19	2 10	\$ 260 65	50	56 07	36 00	1	3000	1	1500
Oklahoma City	6 88	1 47	20 00	1 40	500 00	150	41 95	100 00	1	2500	1	2000
Hanna, Mustang and Brittain	.....	.....	.....	35	103 77	.....	2 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Norman, Purcell and Sulphur	.....	.....	12 18	.....	54 90	.....	20 01	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chandler and Elliston	.....	.....	.....	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waterloo	.....	.....	.....	.....	180 52	.....	35 01	7 05	.....	.....	.....	.....
ENID DISTRICT												
Enid, Waukomis and Elmdale	.....	1 50	14 52	2 76	407 43	115	62 00	.....	1	2000	1	1000
Nashville	.....	.....	9 49	75	234 62	33	55 00	.....	1	1000	.....	.....
Eddie, Hatchel Valley, Medford	6 27	.....	12 00	80	315 82	50	50 00	.....	.....	.....	1	600
Wakita and Prairie Queen	4 00	.....	29 11	.....	376 19	100	70 30	2 00	1	1200	1	800
CLEO DISTRICT												
Wisby and Clymer	2 03	2 75	36 73	2 65	282 61	.....	65 50	55 87	1	800	1	300
Augusta, Helena and Aline	.....	.....	19 00	1 75	278 83	.....	60 00	15 00	.....	.....	1	300
Isabella, Ames and Dane	.....	.....	.....	1 20	300 00	72	41 60	12 00	1	900	.....	500
Moscow and Cedardale	2 70	.....	29 50	1 90	300 29	60	48 01	26 35	1	1200	1	1100
Green Valley and Franklin	.....	.....	.....	45	69 02	.....	14 51	3 65	.....	.....	.....	.....
Woodward and Supply	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 35	.....	5 46	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
BEAVER DISTRICT												
Beaver City and Sunset	.....	5 00	23 30	1 89	186 00	.....	27 75	5 50	1	1100	.....	.....
Cline and Doby Springs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Guymon	.....	50	.....	30	176 77	25	23 43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Verne	.....	50	3 10	.....	9 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
GEARY DISTRICT												
Geary	1 58	3 02	29 21	2 00	360 00	96	80 91	11 55	1	1400	1	900
Cashion and Bethel	.....	8 08	55 25	2 70	420 54	120	98 85	59 00	2	2500	1	1000
Watonga and Etna	.....	.....	10 00	53	60 00	.....	44 08	14 55	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dillon, Liberty Chapel, etc.	.....	.....	23 00	1 80	305 81	.....	45 60	2 95	1	800	1	200
Selling and Camargo	3 64	.....	5 00	1 65	114 79	30	52 10	.....	1	1000	1	600
Thomas	.....	.....	.....	25	172 61	.....	24 85	.....	1	700	.....	.....
HOBART DISTRICT												
Port and Zion Chapel	.....	.....	23 63	2 95	290 75	75	84 85	36 48	1	1000	1	700
Canute, Elk City and Hefner	.....	.....	.....	50	103 49	.....	30 00	7 63	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lone Wolf, Roosevelt, etc.	.....	.....	.....	20	95 00	.....	25 78	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
CHICKASKA DISTRICT												
Chickasha	.....	.....	12 70	.....	.....	.....	22 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Anadasko and Verdon	1 05	.....	6 00	.....	98 50	30	27 75	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	\$18 63	\$41 59	\$534 50	\$36 89	\$7229 07	1236	1456 18	\$ 450 28	21	\$ 27200	17	\$13500

* Harry Peacock, \$225.55. † J. W. Hough, \$36.35.

EAST ONTARIO CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual Session, held at Bracebridge,
Ontario, September 1-5, 1909

OFFICERS

BENJAMIN WINGET, *President*

C. CUNNINGHAM, *Secretary*

E. SNYDER, *Assistant Secretary*

R. BURNHAM, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Benjamin Winget, W. H. Reynolds, J. D. Shier.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—W. Zurbrigg, R. Burnham

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—S. C. Snyder

On Home Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

On Evangelists' Benefit Fund—The committee on home missions.

On Sabbath-schools—Lotta Babcock, J. D. Shier, F. E. Minor, R. J. Whaley.

On Education—A. H. Norrington, A. Sims, W. H. Reynolds, T. Loveless.

On Reforms—E. Snyder, W. Zurbrigg, Arthur Harp, C. A. Prior.

On Publications—W. H. Gregory, H. B. Luck, W. McNiel, E. Snyder.

On State of the Work—W. H. Reynolds, A. H. Norrington, T. J. Luck, F. E. Minor.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—Benjamin Winget, W. H. Reynolds, R. Burnham, T. J. Luck, F. E. Minor.

On Preparing Blanks for Pastors' Report to Quarterly Conference—W. H. Reynolds, R. Burnham, C. Cunningham.

On Arranging with the West Ontario Conference for a Semi-Centennial Gathering—W. H. Reynolds, R. Burnham, A. Sims, F. E. Minor, T. J. Luck.

Treasurer for the Ensuing Conference Year—W. Zurbrigg.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sabbath Schools—W. Zurbrigg, *On Reforms*—W. H. Gregory,

On Education—F. F. Prior, *On Publications*—H. B. Luck,

On State of the Work—R. Burnham, W. H. Reynolds.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

R. Burnham, president; W. H. Reynolds, secretary and treasurer; C. Prior, J. W. McNiel.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

R. Burnham, president; C. Cunningham, secretary and treasurer; W. H. Reynolds, T. J. Luck, T. Loveless, R. J. Whaley.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

W. H. Reynolds, president, for four years (preliminary); R. Burnham, secretary, for one year (first year); C. Cunningham, for three years (second year); A. Sims, for two years (third and fourth years).

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Home Missions (20 cents), Church Extension, General Missions; second quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Delegates' Expenses to General Conference; third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; fourth quarter, Contingent Fund (30 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents), Evangelists' Benefit Fund, a free-will offering on the first Sabbath in December.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Miss Lotta Babcock, president, 346 Water street, Peterboro, Ontario; Miss Gertrude Pratt, vice-president, Westport, Ontario; Miss Kate F. Clark, secretary, 346 Water street, Peterboro, Ontario; Mrs. Edith Snyder, treasurer, Belhaven, Ontario.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

A. Sims,
C. Cunningham,
A. H. Norrington,
C. F. Appleton,
W. H. Gregory,
Miles Babcock,

R. Burnham,
E. Snyder,
S. C. Snyder,
H. B. Luck,
D. L. Gunter,

W. H. Reynolds,
W. Zurbrigg,
C. Goodrich,
F. F. Prior,
L. Slingerland,

[Women evangelists having a seat in the conference—Lotta Babcock, Kate F. Clark.]

DELEGATES

J. D. Shier,
T. Loveless,
A. Kearns,
J. W. McNiel,
R. J. Whaley,
C. Eaton,
L. Snyder,
H. Smith,

F. E. Minor,
C. A. Prior,
H. Coon,
I. Loucks,
O. Airhart,
A. Harp,
E. Sears,
W. Goodbery,

T. J. Luck,
N. Perry,
G. Babcock,
E. Hudgins,
W. Arnold,
R. W. Conner,
R. Kerr,
S. E. Ward.

2. Who are the stationing committee? Benjamin Winget, W. H. Reynolds, R. Burnham, F. E. Minor, T. J. Luck.

4. Who remain on trial? F. D. Bradley, J. W. Potter, C. A. Babcock, W. P. Harnden, Alfred Ball, Norman Harp.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? Miles Babcock, F. F. Prior.

6. Who are the deacons? W. H. Gregory, L. Slingerland, D. L. Gunter, H. B. Luck, Miles Babcock, F. F. Prior.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? S. C. Snyder.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? D. L. Gunter.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? A. H. Norrington.

3, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15. None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each who remained was examined and passed.

16-20. See reports and statistics.

21. No business.

22. An amount equal to fifteen cents per member was ordered to be raised toward defraying the expenses of delegates to the general conference.
23. See statistics.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? The district elders and secretary were appointed a committee to fix the time and place.

APPOINTMENTS

KINGSTON DISTRICT—R. BURNHAM, District Elder, Picton, Ontario

Kingston and Cataraque...H. B. Luck, 527 Princess street, Kingston, Ontario
 Odessa, Petworth and Yarker.....R. Babcock, supply, Odessa, "
 Gananoque and Lansdowne.....W. H. Gregory, C. Gregory, supply, Gananoque, "
 Enterprise, Fifth Lake and Wagarville.....G. Steenburg, supply, Enterprise, "
 Verona, Oak Flats, Dessert Lake and Holleford..C. Goodrich, Verona, "
 Westport and Fermoy..G. Pratt and Nina Green, supplies, Westport, "
 Vannachar and Fernleigh.....N. Harp, Vennachar, "
 Perth Road.....To be supplied

R. Burnham, member Kingston district quarterly conference.

HAVELOCK DISTRICT—R. BURNHAM, District Elder

Picton, Ridge Road and Elmbrook.....J. W. Potter, Picton, Ontario
 Warkworth and Zion.....C. Cunningham, Warkworth, "
 Campbellford..Ethel Davey, supply, one to be supplied, Campbellford, "
 Cordova, Victoria and Trent Bridge...S. E. Ward, supply, Cordova, "
 Marmora, Beaver Creek and North Marmora...E. Snyder, Marmora, "
 Gunter and McRae.....C. A. Babcock, Gunter, "

D. L. Gunter, supernumerary, Ormaby, Ontario.

TORONTO DISTRICT—W. H. REYNOLDS, District Elder, Uxbridge, Ontario

Toronto.....A. Sims, 5 Simpson avenue, Toronto, Ontario
 Armadale.....A. Ball, Armadale, "
 Uxbridge and Mt. Pleasant.....M. Babcock, Uxbridge, "
 Belhaven, Baldwin and Ravenshoe.....S. C. Snyder, Belhaven, "
 Holt, Newmarket and Schomberg.....L. Slingerland
 Peterboro Mission...Lotta Babcock and Kate F. Clark, supplies,
346 Water street, Peterboro, Ontario

W. H. Reynolds, member Toronto district quarterly conference.

MUSKOKA DISTRICT—W. H. REYNOLDS, District Elder

Crown Hill and Hillsdale.....W. P. Harnden, E. Harnden, supply, Crown Hill, Ontario
 Barkway, Housey's Rapids and Cooper's Falls.....A. M. Gunter, supply, Housey's Rapids, "
 Gravenhurst.....F. F. Prior, Gravenhurst, "
 Bracebridge.....F. D. Bradley, Bracebridge, "
 Huntsville and Silverdale.....W. Zurbrigg, Huntsville, "

C. Floyd Appleton, missionary to China, Kai Feng Fu, Honan, China.

MISCELLANEOUS

Five sittings of the conference were held. Rev. B. Winget presided with acceptability. The entertainment was exceedingly good. Two preachers were received into full connection and elected to deacon's orders and one was

elected to elder's orders. About one thousand dollars was raised for various purposes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

BISHOP'S SALARIES—Apportioned and raised, \$127.80.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND—Apportioned and raised, \$71.10.

GENERAL MISSIONS FUND—Apportioned and raised, \$106.50.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Apportioned and raised, \$319.50.

PERMANENT FUND—\$35.50.

CONTINGENT FUND—On hand from last year, \$24.50; raised during the year, \$208.14; total receipts, \$232.64; paid traveling expenses of delegates, \$123.53; paid traveling expenses of preachers, \$109.16; total, \$232.69.

EVANGELISTS' BENEFIT FUND—On hand from last year, \$75.90; raised during the year, \$10.32; total, \$86.22.

CHILDREN'S FUND—\$1.00.

TO PUBLISH THE MINUTES—\$17.00.

RAISED BY THE W. F. M. S.—\$1,209.87.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE EAST ONTARIO CONFERENCE

KINGSTON, HAVELOCK, TORONTO AND MUSKOKA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
KINGSTON DISTRICT												
Kingston.....			\$ 33 37	\$ 1 55	\$ 457 31	\$ 54	\$ 54 49		1	\$ 2500		
Gananoque and Lansdowne.....			21 24	1 10	415 00	81	40 90		1	1000	1	\$ 1400
Odessa and Cataraqui.....			31 49	2 00	300 32	36	43 62		2	3200		
Petworth and Holleford.....			10 32	1 40	189 68		41 18		2	1000		
Verona, Oak Flat, Desert Lake.....	\$ 1 00		38 00	2 40	325 00	36	62 71		1	1400	1	1000
Enteprise, Fifth Lake, etc.....				75	192 84		26 18		1	400		
Westport and Perth Road.....			7 86	1 25	123 61	17	33 68	\$ 34 51	2	1950		
Vennachar and Fernleigh.....			16 00	50	48 32		30 00		2	600		
Pictou, Ridge Road, Elmbrook.....			8 24	1 45	371 25	60	47 85		2	1800	1	1000
HAVELOCK DISTRICT												
Warkworth and Zion.....			20 21	2 20	485 83	75	59 39	24 64	2	2525	1	1500
Campbellford.....					111 35		17 05		1	1000		
Beaver Creek, North Marmora.....			34 28	2 10	3 5 72	27	69 56	11 18	2	1900	1	350
Cordova.....			6 27	1 45	204 39		31 42		2	1450		
Gunter.....			7 37	80	151 00		26 12		1	550	1	800
TORONTO DISTRICT												
Toronto.....			31 33	1 35	364 00		60 03		1	5000		
Armadale.....			18 05	90	245 84		50 52		1	1000		
Uxbridge and Mt. Pleasant.....			26 00	1 90	270 00		51 50		2	2000	1	500
Belhaven, Baldwin, etc.....			43 13		541 17		65 41	2 00	4	1800	1	1000
Peterboro Mission.....			37 07	95	216 38		32 56				1	2550
MUSKOKA DISTRICT												
Bracebridge.....			35 00	3 40	502 00		83 36	5 00	2	5200	1	1000
Huntsville.....			50 50	1 45	302 00	75	41 44		2	900	1	500
Gravenhurst.....			25 12		255 00		47 70		1	3000		
Barkway, Housey's Rapids, etc.....			13 39	1 90	328 83		42 61		3	1100	1	500
Crown Hill.....			12 32	1 25	313 53		43 66		1	1500		
Total.....			\$ 1 00	\$ 526 57	\$ 32 05	\$ 7104 37	\$ 445 1103 00	\$ 77 33 38	42875 12	\$ 12100		

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE EAST ONTARIO CONFERENCE

KINGSTON, HAVELOCK, TORONTO AND MUSKOKA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER		Members		Probationers		Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Off'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodists" Taken	Conference Claim-Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claims	Woman's Foreign Societies	
KINGSTON DISTRICT																					
Kingshon.....	A. H. Norrington, District Elder		32	9	41				1	5	45	4	\$ 13 95	\$ 5 88	\$ 6 30	\$ 4 65	\$ 3 10			\$ 24 27	
Gaonoque and Landsdowne.....	H. B. Luck.....		30	5	35				1	3	40	8	\$ 40 00	\$ 2 38	\$ 3 30	\$ 3 30	\$ 2 40			21 44	
Gaonoque and Landsdowne.....	W. H. Gregory.....		40	1	41				1	3	40	8	\$ 18 00	\$ 7 20	\$ 8 00	\$ 6 00	\$ 4 00		\$ 42 75		
Gaonoque and Landsdowne.....	C. Goodrich.....		27	2	29				2	3	40	4	\$ 12 60	\$ 5 60	\$ 4 30	\$ 4 30	\$ 2 40				
Verona, Oak Plains, Desert Lake.....	R. Babcock, supply.....		67	16	83				14	112	2	10	\$ 21 60	\$ 8 64	\$ 8 60	\$ 7 20	\$ 4 80			85 01	
Enterprise, Fifth Lake, Wagerville.....	J. W. Potter.....		15	8	23				1	1	12	2	\$ 6 75	\$ 2 70	\$ 3 00	\$ 2 25	\$ 1 50			3 35	
Westport and Perth Road.....	G. Steenburg, supply.....		24	3	27				1	1	12	1	\$ 11 25	\$ 3 60	\$ 5 00	\$ 3 75	\$ 2 50				
Vennachar and Fernleigh.....	John Cowan, supply.....		9	3	12				1	7	40	2	\$ 4 50	\$ 1 80	\$ 2 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00				
Pleton, Ridge Road and Elmbrook.....	R. Burnham.....		18	2	20				1	4	45	5	\$ 13 05	\$ 5 22	\$ 5 80	\$ 4 35	\$ 2 90				
HAVELOCK DISTRICT																					
Warkworth and Zion.....	A. H. Norrington, District Elder		38	15	53				2	10	96	8	\$ 19 80	\$ 7 92	\$ 10 13	\$ 6 60	\$ 4 40			65 89	
Camplifford.....	C. Cunningham.....		6	1	7				1	13	75	1	\$ 18 10	\$ 7 56	\$ 6 35	\$ 4 30	\$ 3 40			164 71	
Beaver Creek and North Marmora.....	E. Snyder.....		48	9	57				1	12	75	2	\$ 18 05	\$ 5 22	\$ 6 80	\$ 4 35	\$ 2 80				
Gordova and Victoria.....	A. M. Gunter, supply.....		26	2	28				1	6	27	1	\$ 7 20	\$ 2 88	\$ 3 20	\$ 2 40	\$ 1 00				
Guelph.....	S. E. Ward, supply.....		16	3	19				1	6	31	1									
TORONTO DISTRICT																					
Toronto.....	W. H. Reynolds, District Elder		26	1	27				1	8	44	7	\$ 12 15	\$ 4 86	\$ 5 80	\$ 4 05	\$ 2 70			160 28	
Armada.....	A. Sims.....		16	1	17				1	6	40	6	\$ 8 10	\$ 3 24	\$ 3 60	\$ 2 70	\$ 1 80			16 17	
Uxbridge and Mt. Pleasant.....	F. E. Prior.....		34	3	37				2	13	75	6	\$ 17 10	\$ 6 84	\$ 7 60	\$ 5 70	\$ 3 80			60 47	
Belhaven, Baldwin, Ravenshoe, etc.....	A. Ball.....		58	9	67				2	18	140	18	\$ 8 55	\$ 7 20	\$ 8 00	\$ 6 00	\$ 4 00				
Peterboro Mission.....	L. Slingerland.....		26	5	31				1	8	45	5		\$ 3 42	\$ 3 80	\$ 2 85	\$ 1 90			10 97	
	L. Babcock, K. F. Clark, sup's.....																				
MUSKOKA DISTRICT																					
Bracebridge.....	W. H. Reynolds, District Elder		77	8	85				2	1	70	10	\$ 30 60	\$ 12 24	\$ 13 60	\$ 10 20	\$ 6 80			115 61	
Hamletts.....	F. D. Bradley.....		25	7	32				1	9	74	6	\$ 13 05	\$ 7 90	\$ 7 90	\$ 4 35	\$ 2 90			73 02	
Guelph.....	W. Z. Palmer.....		27	2	29				1	6	45	4	\$ 17 05	\$ 5 22	\$ 5 80	\$ 4 35	\$ 2 90			17 35	
Barkway, Housey's Rapids, etc.....	S. C. Snyder.....		88	3	91				2	8	52	4	\$ 17 10	\$ 6 84	\$ 7 60	\$ 5 70	\$ 3 80			2 80	
Crown Hill.....	M. Babcock.....		23	1	24				1	4	16	7	\$ 11 25	\$ 4 50	\$ 5 00	\$ 3 75	\$ 2 50			11 65	
	W. P. Harnden.....																				
Total.....			743	112	855	20	13	169	1248	126	\$ 319 50	\$ 127 26	\$ 152 88	\$ 106 00	\$ 71 00		\$ 42 75	\$ 871 89			

COLORADO CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-fourth Annual Session, held at Colorado Springs, Colorado, August 11-14, 1909

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*

F. F. STEWART, *Secretary*

G. L. SKINNER, *Assistant Secretary*

J. P. DOWD, *Treasurer*

W. W. JELLISON, *Sunday-school Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Walter A. Sellew, J. F. Garrett, F. F. Stewart, J. F. Walker.

On State of the Work—J. F. Garrett, F. F. Stewart.

On Publications—G. L. Skinner, W. W. Bruce, John Johnson.

On Reforms—J. P. Dowd, J. M. Roberson, Marion Fraker.

On Sunday-schools—G. B. Munns, Hattie J. Handyside, Anna M. Boyle.

On Education—J. F. Walker, J. W. Edwards, H. W. Bondurant.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—W. B. Kerby.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—Anna M. Boyle, Hattie J. Handyside, Ora W. Glazier.

On Charities—W. W. Jellison, J. I. Council, N. H. West.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—Walter A. Sellew, J. F. Garrett, F. F. Stewart, John Johnson, N. H. West.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—W. W. Bruce,

On Reforms—Frank DuPee,

On Publications—J. F. Garrett,

On Sunday-schools—J. P. Dowd,

On State of the Work—The district elders.

COMMITTEE ON CHARITIES

W. W. Jellison, J. P. Dowd, John Johnson.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

Frank DuPee, for one year; J. P. Dowd, for two years; W. W. Bruce, for three years.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. I. Council, president; G. W. Yoder, secretary; Marion Fraker, treasurer; J. W. Glazier, John Johnson.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

J. F. Garrett, president and treasurer; J. I. Council, secretary; Marion Fraker, J. W. Glazier, F. F. Stewart.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions, a sum equal to twenty-five cents a member, to be forwarded as soon as taken to the district elders, to be applied

by them where it is most needed; second quarter, General Missions, Foreign Missions, Church Extension; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Permanent Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Miss Lizzie R. Lammie, president, Gulch, Colorado; Mrs. Maggie E. Bruce, first vice-president, 320 Galipago street, Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Ora W. Glazier, second vice-president, 864 Third avenue, Grand Junction, Colorado; Mrs. Georgiana Warren, corresponding secretary, 2088 South Pennsylvania avenue, Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Lizzie D. Stewart, recording secretary, 1011 South Fourth street, Canon City, Colorado; Miss Marie Johnson, treasurer, 443 Jason street, Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Ora J. Glazier, superintendent of Junior work.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. F. Garrett,	J. I. Council,	G. A. Loomis,
J. W. Glazier,	W. W. Jellison,	J. F. Walker,
Frank DuPee,	F. F. Stewart,	G. W. Yoder,
A. G. Galbraith,	G. B. Lane,	W. B. Kerby,
J. P. Dowd,	J. M. Roberson,	G. B. Munns,
G. L. Skinner,	T. D. Saffell,	J. W. Edwards,
W. W. Bruce,	Gordon B. Clark,	

[Woman evangelist having a seat in this conference—Hattie J. Handyside.]

DELEGATES

Jasper Miller,	Marion Fraker,	Anna M. Boyle,
N. H. West,	H. W. Bondurant,	John Johnson,
Mary Courtwright,	Lina West,	B. E. Snyder,
Ora W. Glazier,	Lillian DuPee,	Amy Gaines,
S. A. Bondurant,	Nancy A. McCarty,	

2. Who are the stationing committee? Walter A. Sellew, J. F. Garrett, F. F. Stewart, John Johnson, N. H. West.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.
4. Who remain on trial? None.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.
6. Who are the deacons? G. W. Yoder, Curtis Lum, Thomas E. Clegg (local).
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? J. F. Walker.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? A. G. Galbraith, J. F. Walker.
10. Who are the superannuated, or worn-out, preachers? None.
11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? W. W. Bruce, an elder, from the Nebraska conference; Gordon B. Clark, an elder, from the Kansas conference; J. W. Edwards, an elder, from the Platte River conference.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? J. A. Hopper, by transfer to the Oregon conference, on his certificate of good standing.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer? G. L. Skinner, to the Susquehanna conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical reports.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? Mrs. Eunice Vipond, \$75; Mrs. Hannah Risheill, \$50; the two children of Reuben Adams, deceased, \$25 each.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Canon City, Colorado, as near the middle of August, 1910, as will suit the bishop who is to preside.

APPOINTMENTS

NORTHERN DISTRICT—J. F. GARRETT, District Elder, 1780 South Washington street, Denver, Colorado

Denver and Denver Mission, W. W. Bruce, 320 Galipago street, Denver, Colorado

R. W. Bivins, superintendent of the Mission.

Littleton, Fort Logan and Morrison.....*James Harvey, supply
Colorado Springs.....

W. W. Loomis, supply, 231 Cheyenne avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Colorado City.....J. R. Poet, supply, Colorado City, “

Boulder.....J. P. Dowd, Boulder, “

Longmont.....J. I. Council, Longmont, Colorado; Charles Glazier, supply

Loveland, Berthoud and Fort Collins....J. M. Roberson, Loveland, Colorado

Greeley and Evans.....Nels Magnuson, supply, Evans, “

Falcon and Bracket Creek.....W. B. Kerby, Surber, “

Keyser and Ramah.....William Graining, supply

Woodland Park and Divide...Mary Plant, supply, Woodland Park, Colorado

Cripple Creek.....To be supplied

Burlington and Idalia.....G. B. Munns

Salt Lake City.....To be supplied

J. F. Walker, supernumerary; J. W. Edwards, evangelist, 432 Cooper avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT—F. F. STEWART, District Elder, 1011 South Fourth street, Canon City, Colorado

Pueblo.....G. B. Lane, 29 Block W, Pueblo, Colorado

Fountain...Hattie J. Handyside, Carrie Harris, supplies, Fountain, “

Canon City.....G. W. Yoder, 1219 South Fourth street, Canon City, “

Wet Mountain Valley.....To be supplied

Howard and Salida.....G. A. Loomis, Howard, Colorado

Delta, Crawford and Cedaredge.....

.....Thomas West, Lela West, supplies, Montrose, “

Grand Junction.....J. W. Glazier, Ora W. Glazier, sup-

ply.....864 Third avenue, Grand Junction, “

Chico and Rocky Ford..Paul Resor, Martha Resor, supplies, Fowler, “

Lamar.....Curtis Lum, supply

Vineland.....Leo G. Davis, supply

W. W. Jellison, evangelist, Walsenburg, Colorado; A. G. Galbraith, supernumerary, Canon City, Colorado; G. L. Skinner, given certificate of good standing, Penrose, Colorado.

* Resigned his circuit.

SAN JUAN DISTRICT—F. F. STEWART, District Elder

San Luis Valley.....Gordon B. Clark, Monte Vista, Colorado
 Bayfield and Pine River.....C. N. Root, supply, Bayfield, "
 Durango and Hesperus.....George H. Behner, supply, Durango, "
 Farmington and LaPlata.....Frank DuPee, Farmington, New Mexico
 T. D. Saffell, evangelist, La Plata, New Mexico.

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

H. A. Crouch.....Fountain, Colorado	Mrs. A. E. Jellison, Walsenburg, Colo-
I. H. Hightower, Canon City, "	rado
Lizzie D. Stewart, Canon City, Colo-	Mrs. Jessie Hines, Grand Junction,
rado	Colorado
G. W. Staley, 715 North Wahsatch	J. E. Outland.....Yampa, Colorado
street, Colorado Springs, Colorado	J. A. Fields.....Pueblo, "
Mrs. M. M. Resor, Colorado City, Col-	S. A. Bondurant.....Salida, "
orado	Mrs. Catherine Worrall, Bayfield, Col-
Mrs. Hannah Hazen, Colorado City,	orado
Colorado	F. E. Carmack.....Bayfield, Colorado
James W. Greeno..Denver, Colorado	Ralph Dunham . . . Bayfield, "
Edwin KerbyDenver, "	R. C. SalyerDurango, "
Thomas E. Clegg...Denver, "	Mrs. Robert Pruitt, Durango, "
Mrs. Emma H. Haviland, Denver, Col-	George A. Compton, Farmington, New
orado	Mexico
Mrs. Lizzie Hartley, 970 South Logan	B. L. Calhoun, R. F. D., La Junta,
street, Denver, Colorado	Colorado
Mrs. Mary Porter....Delta, "	

TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Assessed and paid, \$189.
 BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$75.60.
 CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Assessed, \$105.00: paid, \$122.77.
 GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$63.00.
 CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$42.00.
 PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$21.00.
 FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$276.04.
 WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—\$1,291.12.
 EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$6.00.
 CHILDREN'S FUND—\$24.38.
 FOR PUBLISHING THE MINUTES—\$23.00.

MISCELLANEOUS

This session of conference was used of the Lord for the edification and encouragement of the saints.

Bishop Sellew and wife were an inspiration and help. His sermons and addresses were especially to the point. The foreign missionary meeting on Sunday afternoon, in which Brother and Sister Sellew participated, giving the conditions and needs of the foreign work from personal observation, was much blessed of the Lord. A collection in cash and subscriptions was taken amounting to \$859.38.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

We, the district elders of this conference, beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

Remembering the work of faith and labor of love of our esteemed Bishop Wilson T. Hogue, his able and helpful sermons, and his words of encourage-

ment, and the very efficient service rendered to this conference and to the work in general.

Resolved, That at this time when God has seen fit in His wise providence to lay him aside by affliction—we trust only to rest a while—we, the Colorado conference, in regular annual session assembled, do extend to him and family our heart-felt sympathy, and do pray the Lord of the harvest to speedily restore him and send him forth again to labor in the harvest.

Resolved, further, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our beloved Brother Hogue, a copy sent to *The Free Methodist* for publication, and that they be spread upon the records of this conference.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON REFORMS

We are glad to call your attention to the fact that the spirit of reform is evidenced everywhere. Considering the many ways by which men have departed from the right way it seems like a slow process to return to the moral standard the Lord has set up to guide the affairs of men in this life.

We are glad to notice the great reform wave against the liquor evil. The southern states have shaken off this evil to a great degree this present year. We are happy to state that all through our land there is a great awakening along reform lines. However as a church we look to full salvation to reform men and call them back to God, and remove the element out of their natures that causes them to transgress the laws of God. Amen.

II.—ON PUBLICATIONS

Your committee on Publications begs leave to submit the following report:

The character of an age, a church, or a home, is largely evidenced by its literature. Mr. Wesley held that the heritage of a church was her literature. President Harper said that the books which a cultured man must read would occupy six feet of space.

This is an age in which men will read and think. They are apt to think upon what they read and we have it upon the highest authority that "as a man thinketh so is he." Consequently we would recognize the potency of the press at the present time as superlative to any other agency for the moulding of public sentiment and private character. The age is past in which it can truthfully be said, "Like priest, like people;" for this once powerful conservator of public opinion has been largely supplanted by the press. "I saw your daughters in bad company," said a minister to a fond mother. "How absurd," indignantly replied the mother. "Yes," replied the parson, "when I called yesterday I saw several yellow-covered books on the table."

We are glad to note that as a church we take our stand against the trashy and harmful literature of the time. Every probationer promises to be governed by the General Rules, one of which is that we will not read those books which do not tend to the glory of God. Recognizing that our people as aforesaid will read and think we have made provision to supply their every need along these lines.

We are glad to note the completion of our new publishing house in Chicago. Our publications are second to none as exponents of practical and experimental piety. They take first rank in the land. We would especially call attention to *The Free Methodist*. Too much can not be said in its praise. No Free Methodist home can be what it should be without its weekly visits. Through it as a medium we keep in touch with each other. Its original articles, specially on holiness, as they are by its able and spiritual editors, are a great means of grace. Read it; get others to read it.

The Earnest Christian, edited by Bishop Wilson T. Hogue, is a journal on holiness which fills a much needed place among us. *The Missionary Tid-*

ings, organ of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and the Sunday-school literature, also deserve honorable mention.

Our book of Discipline should be in the home of every Free Methodist for constant reference. The combined Conference Minutes, the spreading of which will tend to make us more intelligent. We would also call attention to a few other very helpful productions to be had from our publishing house, some of which are on sale at this conference, and which should be in every home: "Why Another Sect," by Roberts; "Life of Redfield," by Terrill; "Modern Secret Societies," by Blanchard; "Life of Clara Leffingwell," by Sellew; "Hymns that Are Immortal," by Hogue; "Life of G. Harry Agnew," by Hogue; "Echoes from Bharatkhand," by Ward; and a brief "Outline History of the Free Methodist Church," by McGeary. A careful perusal of these can but result in great benefit to us all.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE COLORADO CONFERENCE

NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
NORTHERN DISTRICT												
Denver and Denver Mission.....	\$ 1 00	\$13 25	\$ 123 51	\$ 4 10	\$ 673 77	\$123	\$ 115 00	\$ 46 07	1	\$ 2000	1	\$ 1200
Colorado Springs.....			23 27	2 20	400 00	100	80 00	21 71	1	2000	1	1000
Boulder.....		1 33	33 97	1 45	500 00		56 26		1	2500		
Longmont.....		2 00	22 97	1 40	356 60	108	40 30		1	1900	1	900
Loveland, Berthoud, Ft. Collins.			20 00	1 15	3 10 14		36 00		1	1900		
Colorado City.....		1 33	58 17	1 10	307 84		41 30	8 00	1	3200		
Falcon and Bracket Creek.....					271 99		20 00					
Table Rock and Husted.....												
Woodland Park and Divide.....				10	96 00		13 75	6 00	1	500	1	100
Greeley and Evans.....	5 00		19 00	25	341 66		30 05	33 75				
Keyser and Ramah.....				15			20 00					
Salt Lake City.....												
Cripple Creek.....												
SOUTHERN DISTRICT												
Pueblo.....		5 00	39 94	1 50	339 35	120	57 60	13 65	1	1400	1	1000
Fountain.....		1 47	27 23	1 25	264 78	100	50 00	16 01	1	1500	1	1000
Chico and Rocky Ford.....				20	12 00		20 83					
Canon City.....			23 12	1 25	212 88	60	58 61		1	800	1	500
Wet Mountain Valley.....				15			18 25					
Howard and Salida.....			22 80	75	202 58	96	34 40		1	1000	1	800
San Louis Valley.....				40			34 80					
Durango and Hesperus.....			47 68	70	462 50		82 75	27 15				
Pine River and Florida.....			8 11	65	199 25	52	21 30		1	650	1	350
Farmington and Aztec.....			14 65	25	170 70		14 66	44 05				
Delta, Crawford, Cedar Edge.....			8 23	60	263 80		26 90	15 60				
Grand Junction and Pear Park.....			24 17	1 00	464 19		60 94	45 00				
Lamar.....					6 17		13 00					
Total.....	\$ 6 00	\$24 38	\$ 516 72	\$20 50	\$5906 20	\$761	\$ 947 31	\$276 89	12	\$ 18750	9	\$ 6850

NOTE.—Raised by W. F. M. S. not credited above, \$208 55. Received by District elders from camp-meetings and other sources, \$89 80.

* Did not go to circuit on account of health.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE COLORADO CONFERENCE

NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Funds	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions Claims	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claims	Women's Foreign Missions Societies
NORTHERN DISTRICT																	
J. F. Garrett, District Elder		83	13	96	3	2	10	100	20	\$ 36 90	\$ 14 76	\$ 46 32	\$ 12 30	\$ 8 20		\$ 15 00	\$ 53 23
Denver and Denver Mission.....	J. P. Dowd.....	45	3	48	2	1	9	40	9	19 80	7 91	11 00	6 60	19 80		121 83	85 02
Colorado Springs.....	J. F. Walker.....	18	4	22	1	1	10	45	8	13 05	5 22	7 25	4 35	2 96		3 40	33 00
Boulder.....	W. W. Bruce.....	23	1	24	1	1	6	40	6	3 67	4 40	7 00	4 20	2 80			61 20
Longmont.....	J. M. Roberson.....	26	5	31	2	2	12	40	8	7 23	4 14	5 75	3 45	9 30			87 70
Loveland, Berthoud and Fort Collins.....	J. G. Council.....	20	1	21	1	3	8	60	6	9 90	3 94	5 50	3 30	2 40			62 87
Colorado City.....	Nels Magnuson, supply.....	4	1	5	1	1	1	1	3	2 70	1 08	1 50	90	60			
Canon City.....	W. B. Roder.....	9	1	10	1	1	3	50	3	2 25	90	1 25	75	60			
Table Rock and Hopedale.....	To be supplied.....	13	1	14	1	1	3	50	3	1 35	54	2 35	45	30			
Woodland Park and Divide.....	G. B. Munns.....	4	1	5	1	1	4	25	3								
Greely and Evans.....	Archie Anderson, supply.....																
Keyser and Ramah.....	To be supplied.....																
Salt Lake City.....	* James Harvey, supply.....																
Cripple Creek.....																	
SOUTHERN DISTRICT																	
F. F. Stewart, District Elder		25	1	26	2	1	8	30	6	13 50	5 40	1 25	4 50	3 00		5 60	67 00
Pueblo.....	G. B. Lane.....	23	1	24	1	1	5	23	3	11 25	7 21	6 25	3 75	2 50		21 00	40 80
Canon City.....	A. J. Handyside, C. Harris, sup's.....	25	3	28	1	1	5	55	4	11 25	4 50	6 25	3 75	2 50			30 50
Canon City.....	G. B. Skidmore.....	3	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1 35	54	7 75	45	30			
Wet Mountain Valley.....	To be supplied.....	17	1	18	1	1	6	50	3	3 60	2 74	3 75	2 55	1 70		1 25	15 79
Howard and Salida.....	G. A. Loomis.....	3	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	3 60	1 44	2 00	1 20	80			
Durango and Hesperus.....	To be supplied.....	17	5	22	1	1	7	33	4	6 30	2 52	3 50	2 10	1 40			89 36
Pine River and Florida.....	T. D. Safell.....	10	3	13	2	1	4	24	5	4 95	1 98	2 50	1 65	1 10			
Farmington and Aztec.....	F. E. Carmack, supply.....	15	6	21	1	1	6	25	1	2 15	90	50	75	150			
Delta, Crawford and Cedar Edge.....	Coleman Salter, supply.....	16	16	32	1	1	5	16	3	4 85	2 16	2 00	1 80	1 20			
Grand Junction and Pear Park.....	Frank Dufree.....	24	5	29	1	2	1	5	36	4	3 00	5 00	3 00	2 00		8 00	85 84
Lamar.....	J. W. Glazier, A. P. Werden, sup.....	6	1	7	1	1	1	1	1								
Lamar.....	Curtis Lum, supply.....																
Total.....		431	54	485	20	13	112	692	104	\$ 171 85	\$ 73 69	\$ 122 77	\$ 63 10	\$ 37 40		\$ 276 04	1082 56

NEW YORK CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-sixth Annual Session, held at White Haven,
Pennsylvania, September 22-25, 1909

OFFICERS

WILLIAM PEARCE, *President*

BENJAMIN A. SCULL, *Secretary* C. ADAM KRESS, *Assistant Secretary*

JOHN WINTSCH, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—William Pearce, G. Eakins, A. G. Miller, M. A. Parker.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—C. H. O'Brien.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—M. B. Myer, W. J. Mosedale,
Thomas Boss, W. G. Bobb.

On Reforms—J. T. Logan, O. D. Seward, W. H. Sands, D. J. Santmier.

On Education—C. A. Kress, E. M. Sandys, P. Lakin, F. F. Shoup, A. Schobert.

On Publications—A. W. Myer, O. V. Ketels, L. Ketels, F. B. Sanford, W. Scarborough.

On Sunday-schools—O. C. Ketels, W. H. VanNess, G. W. Kopp, Elizabeth
Moreland, Frances McLaughlin.

On State of the Work—A. G. Miller, G. Eakins, A. R. Henry, J. E. Payne.

On Locating General Conference—B. A. Scull, C. A. Kress, A. G. Miller.

On Complimentary Resolutions—W. Gould, J. Carnaugh, J. W. Tamblyn.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—A. W. Myer,

On Sunday-schools—L. Ketels,

On Education—O. C. Ketels,

On Publications—F. F. Shoup,

On State of the Work—G. Eakins.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

O. V. Ketels, president; O. D. Seward, secretary; W. B. Bertels, treasurer;
A. G. Miller, A. W. Myer.

CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD

A. G. Miller, president; A. W. Myer, secretary; W. B. Bertels, treasurer; G.
Eakins, E. M. Sandys.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

G. Eakins, president, term expires in 1912; C. A. Kress, secretary, term expires 1910; A. G. Miller, term expires 1911.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

W. B. Bertels, president, term expires 1911; H. Pedlar, secretary, term expires 1911; W. J. Barnes, treasurer, term expires 1912; G. Eakins, term expires 1910; R. P. Johnston, term expires 1910.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARIES

A. W. Myer, O. C. Ketels.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions (25 cents), Church Extension (10 cents); second quarter, General Missions (— cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents); third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund (— cents); fourth quarter, Bishops' Salaries (— cents).

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Sarah Allen Dickson, 4809 Springfield avenue, West Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; first vice-president, Mrs. E. M. Sandys, 124 Sixteenth street, Brooklyn, New York; second vice-president, Miss Elizabeth Moreland, 138 Fourteenth street, Brooklyn, New York; treasurer, Mrs. Louisa Cavanaugh, 325 South Lee street, Alexandria, Virginia; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. A. Kress, 2435 North College avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; recording secretary, Miss Lillie W. Stuart, 242 North Tenth street, Allentown, Pennsylvania; superintendent of Junior work, Mrs. F. F. Shoup, Baltimore, Maryland.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. Gould,	S. V. McVey,	O. V. Ketels,
G. Eakins,	C. F. Wurster,	J. Wintsch,
J. W. Tambllyn,	D. J. Santmier,	A. G. Miller,
W. B. Rose,	J. T. Logan,	O. D. Seward,
J. Cavanaugh,	J. E. Payne,	A. W. Myer,
M. B. Myer,	C. A. Kress,	B. A. Scull,
W. J. Mosedale,	F. G. Mathews,	O. C. Ketels,
W. H. VanNess,	G. W. Kopp,	F. F. Shoup,
E. M. Sandys,	W. H. Laning,	M. A. Parker.

DELEGATES

Elizabeth Moreland,	Thomas Boss,	R. W. Scarborough,
A. R. Henry,	Louise Bodenhop,	Charles Main,
F. B. Sanford,	J. Flumerfelt,	S. O. Watson,
Amos Schobert,	W. D. Barber,	Frances McLaughlin,
J. Trowbridge,	P. Lakin,	W. A. F. Miller,
D. E. Husted,	C. H. O'Brien,	Nellie Payne,
N. S. Rosa,	Addie Williams,	Lucy Martin,
G. Peverill,	W. G. Bobb,	Jennie Franklin,
Fred Kopp,	W. H. Sands,	E. F. Myer.

2. Who are the stationing committee? William Pearce, A. G. Miller, G. Eakins, A. R. Henry, J. Flumerfelt.

3. None.

4. Who remain on trial? J. Rider, Luther Ketels.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? M. A. Parker.

6. Who are the deacons? O. C. Ketels, W. H. VanNess, G. W. Kopp, M. A. Parker.

7. None.

8. None.

- 9, 10. None.
11. None.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? R. C. Smith, on trial.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? F. G. Mathews.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-23. See statistics.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? The locating of the conference was left in the hands of A. G. Miller, G. Eakins and O. D. Seward; time to be as near the third Wednesday in September, 1910, as will suit the convenience of the bishop.

APPOINTMENTS

NEW YORK DISTRICT—G. EAKINS, District Elder

Brooklyn.....E. M. Sandys
 New York.....Luther Ketels
 New York and Orange.....O. V. Ketels
 Dover and Amity.....O. C. Ketels
 Phillipsburg.....W. Gould
 Allentown.....O. D. Seward
 White Haven, Beaumont and Sandy Valley.....E. Freeman, supply
 W. B. Rose, publishing agent; C. F. Wurster, left without an appointment (Discipline, paragraph 94); D. J. Santmier, evangelist; M. A. Parker, evangelist; G. Eakins, member of the New York district quarterly conference.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT—G. EAKINS, District Elder

Philadelphia, West Philadelphia and Vineland, C. A. Kress, A. R. Henry, supply
 Pleasant Hill, Havre de Grace and Wilmington.....
A. Sergeant, L. H. Kelley, supply
 Alexandria and Washington.....J. Cavanaugh
 Rockville, Avery, Lay Hill and Spencerville.....B. A. Scull
 Baltimore.....F. F. Shoup
 Alesia, Hemstead and Eberg.....To be supplied
 W. J. Mosedale, conference missionary.

WILKES-BARRE DISTRICT—A. G. MILLER, District Elder

Wilkes-Barre, Dorranceton and Nuangola..A. W. Myer, D. M. Thomas, supply
 Trucksville, Orange, Harvey Lake, Dallas and Plattsburg.....J. W. Tamblin
 Kasson Brook, Parkvale, West Brooklyn, Prospect Hill, Keiserville, Meshoppen
 and Russell Hill.....W. H. VanNess
 Waverly, Highland and Scranton.....W. H. Laning
 Glenwood.....Loren Wright, supply
 Beach Lake and East Berlin.....S. V. McVey
 Simon, Ariel and Pink.....M. B. Myer
 J. T. Logan, editor of *The Free Methodist*; A. G. Miller, member of the Wilkes-Barre district quarterly conference.

WINDSOR DISTRICT—A. G. MILLER, District Elder

Windsor and East Windsor.....	J. E. Payne
Bainbridge, Unadilla and Portlandville.....	H. Wheeler, supply
Uniondale.....	A. H. Smith, supply
Ararat, Stevens Point, Kenyon Hill and West Preston....	F. B. Sanford, supply
Lake Como, Stanton Hill, Pleasant Valley, Babbittsville, Equinunk, Thornbottom and Deckertown.....	G. W. Kopp
Walton and East Brook.....	J. Rider
Ferndale, Briscoe, Egypt and Berrybrook.....	J. Wintch
Big Hollow and North Settlement.....	To be supplied
Allaben, Pine Hill and Bushnellville.....	C. H. O'Brien, supply
Godeffroy, Milford and Port Jervis.....	J. B. Hultslander, supply
R. C. Smith, discontinued, at his own request, membership at Allaben.	

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS ADDRESSES

Year Admitted into Full Connection	Name	Address
1863	W. Gould....	225 Chambers street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey
1872	S. V. McVey.....	Hollisterville, Pennsylvania
1874	O. V. Ketels.....	249 Belmont avenue, Newark, New Jersey
1876	G. Eakins....	425 New York avenue, Jersey City, " "
1877	C. F. Wurster.....	Holtsville, Long Island, New York
1878	J. Wintch.....	Ferndale, " "
1878	J. W. Tambllyn.....	Dallas, Pennsylvania
1880	D. J. Santmier.....	White Haven, " "
1881	A. G. Miller....	110 Bullman street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey
1882	W. B. Rose.....	1132 Washington Boul., Chicago, Illinois
1885	J. T. Logan.....	1132 Washington Boul., Chicago, " "
1885	O. D. Seward....	444 Turner street, Allentown, Pennsylvania
1886	E. M. Sandys.....	124 16th street, Brooklyn, New York
1890	J. Cavanaugh....	325 South Lee street, Alexandria, Virginia
1892	F. F. Shoup.....	Baltimore, Maryland
1893	J. E. Payne.....	Windsor, New York
1896	A. W. Myer.....	Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
1898	M. B. Myer.....	Simon, " "
1904	C. A. Kress....	2435 North College avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
1904	B. A. Scull.....	Silver Springs, R. F. D. 1, Maryland
1906	W. J. Mosedale....	1230 28th street, N. W., Washington, D. C.
1908	F. G. Mathews.....	(See Western Canada conference)
1908	O. C. Ketels.....	249 Belmont avenue, Newark, New Jersey
1908	W. H. VanNess.....	Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania
1908	G. W. Kopp.....	Windwood, " "
1909	M. A. Parker.....	White Haven, " "

ON TRIAL

1908	James Rider.....	Walton, Pennsylvania
1908	Luther Ketels.....	249 Belmont avenue, Newark, New Jersey

LOCAL PREACHERS—ELDERS

W. B. Bertels, 19 East South street,	A. Sergeant, Seventh and King streets,
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania	Wilmington, Delaware
J. T. Smith, Washington, District of Columbia	G. W. Swingle, South Canaan, Pennsylvania

LOCAL PREACHERS—DEACONS

- B. G. Ely.....Pink, Pennsylvania
 A. R. Henry, 1719 North 25th street,
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
 E. S. Wolfe....Milford, Pennsylvania
 D. M. Thomas, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylv-
 ania
 C. H. O'Brien.....Allaben, New York
 W. J. Barnes, Beech Lake, Pennsyl-
 vania
 W. H. Sands.....Dover, New Jersey
 W. D. Barber, Meshoppen, Pennsylvan-
 ia
 F. B. Sanford....Orson, Pennsylvania

EVANGELISTS

- *Mrs. Mary E. Santmier, White Ha-
 ven, Pennsylvania
 *Mrs. Calista Fairchild, Pelham, New
 York
 *Mrs. Lillie B. Wood, Waverly, Penn-
 sylvania
 *Miss A. E. Haviland, Brooklyn, New
 York
 Mrs. Emma Armstrong, Vineland, New
 Jersey
 *Mrs. Mattie E. Shaffer, Hacketts-
 town, New Jersey
 *Mrs. Lucy Martin, Walton, New York
 Mrs. Louisa Smith, 524 East Sixth
 street, New York City, New York
 *Mrs. Nellie M. Payne, Windsor, New
 York
 Mrs. Fannie Peverill, Alexandria, Vir-
 ginia
 *Mrs. Ellen M. Reed, Waymart, Penn-
 sylvania
 Mrs. W. H. VanNess, Tunkhannock,
 Pennsylvania
 *Mrs. Ella S. Armstrong, Kittanning,
 Pennsylvania

LOCAL PREACHERS—UNORDAINED

- R. C. Smith.....Allaben, New York
 B. C. Fuller, Waverly, Pennsylvania
 E. F. Myer.....Godeffroy, New York
 R. P. Phillips, Hop Bottom, Pennsylv-
 ania
 C. H. Stahl, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylv-
 ania
 J. D. Howard....Windham, New York
 Loren Wright, Waverly, "
 G. E. Lester, Equinunk, "
 A. H. Smith, Uniondale, "
 Isaac Sutton, Pittston, R. F. D. 2,
 Pennsylvania
 S. O. Watson, White Haven, Pennsylv-
 ania
 J. H. Kintner, Meshoppen, Pennsylv-
 ania
 V. C. Ketels, 155 31st street, Brooklyn,
 New York
 R. P. Johnston, 363½ 12th street,
 Brooklyn, New York
 William Hozier, White Haven, Penn-
 sylvania
 George Peverill, 426 South Lee street,
 Alexandria, Virginia
 W. Swope, White Haven, Pennsylvania
 Isaiah Parker....Berwyn, Maryland
 F. KoppLineboro, "
 Robert Graham, Philadelphia, Penn-
 sylvania
 James Norris . . . Baltimore, Maryland
 W. A. F. Miller, 113 Clymer street,
 Brooklyn, New York
 Harry Albaugh, Baltimore, Maryland
 George Brazee, Walton, New York
 O. Olver, Beech Lake, Pennsylvania
 C. A. Syreen Liberty, New York
 E. H. Ryman, Dallas, R. F. D. 1,
 Pennsylvania
 W. C. Roushey, Trucksville, Pennsylv-
 ania
 J. S. Wolfe.....Ariel, Pennsylvania
 John Wagner, New York City, New
 York
 L. Snitchler, Bainbridge, New York
 J. G. Hessler,
 J. B. Hultslander, Matamoris, Pennsylv-
 ania
 H. Wheeler . . . Bainbridge, New York
 A. Wells, North Chili, New York
 Z. A. Swingle...Simon, Pennsylvania

* Conference evangelists.

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-sixth annual session of the New York conference was held at White Haven, Pennsylvania, September 22-25, 1909. Bishop William Pearce presided with marked ability. His preaching was with much power and encouragement.

The local pastor, M. A. Parker, together with the local society, managed the entertainment of the conference with much credit.

We had with us J. P. Brodhead, superintendent of the Africa missions, and J. T. Logan, editor of *The Free Methodist*.

Over eight hundred forty-two dollars was raised in cash and subscriptions for various purposes during the conference session. Included in this amount \$700 was raised for foreign missions, \$125 for the pastor of the local society.

A. G. Miller and G. Eakins were re-elected traveling district elders. W. J. Mosedale, conference missionary.

F. B. Sanford was ordained local deacon in the morning service.

J. P. Brodhead, E. E. Shelhamer and his wife, Julia A. Shelhamer; Edward H. Brownson, pastor of the Presbyterian church; C. K. Gibson, pastor of the Methodist church, were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats.

NEW YORK CONFERENCE RECORD

Session	Place	Time	President	Secretary
1	Brooklyn, New York	September 3, 1874	B. T. Roberts	W. Gould
2	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	September 1, 1875	"	"
3	Windsor, New York	September 27, 1876	E. P. Hart	"
4	Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania	September 12, 1877	"	E. P. Sellew
5	Rahway, New Jersey	September 4, 1878	B. T. Roberts	"
6	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	September 3, 1879	E. P. Hart	"
7	Brooklyn, New York	September 8, 1880	B. T. Roberts	W. Gould
8	Dover, New Jersey	September 6, 1881	E. P. Hart	"
9	Windsor, New York	August 30, 1882	B. T. Roberts	W. B. Rose
10	Uniondale, Pennsylvania	August 30, 1883	E. P. Hart	"
11	Philadelphia, "	September 3, 1884	B. T. Roberts	"
12	South Canaan, "	September 2, 1885	E. P. Hart	"
13	Brooklyn, New York	August 11, 1886	B. T. Roberts	"
14	Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania	March 9, 1887	"	"
15	Philadelphia, "	March 7, 1888	"	"
16	Dover, New Jersey	March 13, 1889	G. W. Coleman	"
17	Vineland, New Jersey	August 6, 1890	B. T. Roberts	"
18	Bainbridge, New York	September 9, 1891	E. P. Hart	"
19	South Canaan, Pennsylvania	September 14, 1892	G. W. Coleman	J. T. Logan
20	Alexandria, Virginia	October 11, 1893	W. T. Hogue	"
21	Dover, New Jersey	September 19, 1894	E. P. Hart	"
22	Windsor, New York	October 2, 1895	G. W. Coleman	"
23	South Canaan, Pennsylvania	September 30, 1896	B. R. Jones	"
24	Philadelphia, "	October 5, 1897	E. P. Hart	"
25	Wilkes-Barre, "	October 5, 1898	G. W. Coleman	"
26	Allentown, "	September 20, 1899	B. R. Jones	"
27	Meshoppen, "	September 12, 1900	E. P. Hart	"
28	Alexandria, Virginia	September 18, 1901	G. W. Coleman	"
29	Allentown, Pennsylvania	September 24, 1902	W. A. Sellew	"
30	Wilkes-Barre, "	September 16, 1903	B. R. Jones	"
31	South Canaan, "	September 14, 1904	W. H. Clark	"
32	White Haven, "	September 13, 1905	W. T. Hogue	"
33	Wilkes-Barre, "	September 19, 1906	W. A. Sellew	"
34	Dover, New Jersey	September 18, 1907	B. R. Jones	B. A. Seull
35	Allentown, Pennsylvania	September 16, 1908	W. A. Sellew	"
36	White Haven, "	September 22, 1909	William Pearce	"

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR PUBLISHING MINUTES—Raised, \$26.20.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS AND CLAIMS—Appropriations for next year: Emma Haviland and child, \$90; child of Thomas W. Scull, deceased, \$36.

MISSIONARY BOARD TREASURER—Raised, \$673.17; deficiency of last year, \$89.82; D. M. Thomas, \$120; envelopes, \$1.50; F. F. Shoup, \$600; F. F. Shoup, for camp-meeting expenses, \$30; total paid, \$841.32; due treasurer, \$168.15.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NEW YORK CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA, WILKES-BARRE AND WINDSOR DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re-celpts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re-celpts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
NEW YORK DISTRICT												
Brooklyn.....	\$50 00	\$150 00	\$2 45	\$725 00	\$300	\$94 92	\$200 00	1	1	12000	1	\$4000
New York.....			1 45	290 00		73 30		1		7000	1	7000
Newark.....			76 63	2 40	624 00	150	96 00					
Orange.....				20		3 85						
Dover and Amity.....	\$1 22	2 18	50 16	1 35	318 40		93 25		1	5000		
Phillipsburg.....				25						2200		
lentown.....	5 50		47 81	2 05	403 00	160	92 85		1	3500	1	2000
hite Haven, Beaumont, etc.....				3 30	370 00		67 50	38 74	1	1000		
PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT												
Philadelphia, W. Phila., etc.....	1 00	1 00	50 00	1 20	504 57		63 58	46 33	2	9000	1	1500
Pleasant Hill, Harve de Grace.....		4 22	6 79	1 50	209 93		41 93		1	800		
Alexandria and Washington.....				2 30	532 80		85 18		1	1000		
Rockville, Avery, Lay Hill, etc.....	2 60	2 00	37 52	4 10	644 35		106 69	9 00	2	3300		
Baltimore, Alesia, Hemstead.....		5 80	75 00	2 50	758 00		67 17	25 00	2	7000		
WILKES-BARRE DISTRICT												
Wilkes-Barre, Dorranceeton, etc.....			73 12	1 45	556 07	180	58 12	429 25	1	10000		
Truckville, Orange, etc.....			79 16	2 65	435 93	102	55 69	22 08	3	3300	1	1500
Kasson Brook, East Lynn, etc.....				20	250 00		17 33					
Prospect Hill, Kellersville.....	50	60	25 00	3 25	385 85	25	78 90		3	2800	1	400
Scranton.....				25	198 00		2 89					
Waverly, Highland, Glenwood.....			18 80	2 15	146 61		59 46		2	3000		
Beech Lake and East Berlin.....				1 35	382 26		47 62		1	1300		
Simon, Ariel and Pink.....				3 00	367 50	30	60 12		2	1500	1	500
WINDSOR DISTRICT												
Windsor and East Windsor.....		2 47	20 67	1 80	301 39	60	75 21	25 00	2	2900	1	800
Thorn Hill and Bainbridge.....					28 50			25 00	1	800		
Uniondale, Ararat, etc.....			9 90	1 35	110 85		49 47		2	1500		
Unadilla and Portlandville.....				30			13 00					
Lake Como, Stanton Hill, etc.....			20 00	1 75	474 36		50 96		2	1600		
Walton and East Brook.....		1 51	25 97	1 25	441 69		45 23		1	1200		
Ferndale, Briscoe, Egypt, etc.....			20 00	2 35	510 42		96 08		2	2500	1	1500
Big Hollow and No. Settlement.....				1 05	233 47	40	62 44		1	800	1	1000
Allaben, Pine Hill, Bushnellville.....		1 82	21 28		55 09		40 14	30 00	1	1200		
Godefroy, Milford, etc.....			53 57	1 45	65 88		47 01		1	1400		
District Elder, New York and Philadelphia Districts—George Eakins.....								984 00				
District Elder Wilkes-Barre and Windsor Districts—A. G. Miller.....								969 41				
Conference Missionary—F. F. Shoup.....								600 00				
Total.....	\$10 82	\$71 60	\$861 38	\$50 65	10419 82	1037	2053 41	\$1410 40	38	\$88100	10	\$20200

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NEW YORK CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA, WILKES-BARRE AND WINDSOR DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER										Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Confessions Missions	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies	
NEW YORK DISTRICT																											
Brooklyn.....	60	15	75	4	2	1	9	100	17	\$ 22 05	\$ 8 22	\$ 12 25	\$ 7 35	\$ 4 90	\$ 73 00	\$ 14 00											
New York.....	31	2	33	1	1	1	1	85	8	13 35	13 35	11 75	7 35	2 90	68 75	120 05											
Newark.....	41	7	48	1	1	1	12	85	8	20 61	8 46	11 70	7 20	4 30	58 75	60 80											
Orange.....	4	7	11	1	1	1	1	73	1	1 80	1 80	1 00	4 05	2 70	5 00	6 00											
Dover and Amity.....	23	4	27	1	1	1	9	73	4	4 85	4 85	6 75	4 05	2 70	5 00	6 00											
Philipsburg.....	5	5	10	1	1	1	1	73	4	2 25	2 25	1 25	7 75	5 60	5 00	6 00											
Allentown.....	35	1	36	1	1	1	10	55	9	18 45	7 33	10 25	6 15	4 10	16 60	123 70											
White Haven, Reamont, etc.....	59	16	75	2	3	15	80	7	29 70	11 88	16 50	9 90	6 60	.....	.....	.....								
PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT																											
Philadelphia, W. Phil and Vineland.....	26	10	36	3	1	2	9	63	7	10 80	4 32	6 00	3 60	2 40	.....	.....									
Pleasant Hill and Harve de Grace.....	45	3	48	1	1	1	8	75	6	20 70	8 23	11 50	6 90	4 60	.....	85 69										
Alexandria and Washington.....	21	1	22	1	1	1	1	75	6	20 70	8 23	11 50	6 90	4 60	.....	85 69										
Rockville, Avery, Lay Hill, etc.....	46	9	55	1	3	19	86	9	36 90	14 76	20 50	12 30	8 20	.....	85 52	85 52										
Baltimore, Aleida and Hemstead.....	35	16	51	1	3	13	160	14	22 50	9 00	12 50	7 50	6 00	34 25	98 79	.....										
WILKES-BARRE DISTRICT																											
Wilkes-Barre, Duncannon, etc.....	46	6	52	2	3	19	110	7	12 05	8 64	7 25	4 35	2 90	.....	4 26	74 40										
Trucksville, Orange, etc.....	45	4	49	3	3	20	90	9	23 95	9 54	13 23	7 95	3 50	.....	67 23	67 23										
Kasson Brook, East Lynn, etc.....	4	25	30	4	4	22	100	5	9 95	10 95	1 25	9 75	6 50	75 00	.....	.....									
Prospect Hill, Kellersville.....	56	5	61	1	3	15	70	5	2 25	9 95	1 25	9 75	6 50	.....	.....	.....								
Scranton.....	9	9	18	1	1	1	1	28	4	19 35	7 74	10	7 20	4 80	40 00	.....										
Waverly, Highland and Glenwood.....	44	6	50	3	1	10	40	4	12 60	4 85	6 75	4 05	2 70	.....	67 40	13 94										
Beech Lake and East Berlin.....	26	4	30	2	1	10	40	4	12 60	4 85	6 75	4 05	2 70	.....	67 40	13 94										
Simon, Ariel and Pink.....	56	2	58	4	1	9	33	17	27 00	10 80	1 41	9 00	6 00	.....	.....	.....								
WINDSOR DISTRICT																											
Windsor and East Windsor.....	51	18	69	1	1	1	7	40	9	16 20	6 45	9 00	5 40	3 60	27 00	.....										
Thorn Hill and Bainbridge.....	4	4	8	1	1	1	3	38	2	12 15	4 85	6 75	4 05	2 70	.....	.....									
Uniondale, Ararat, Steven's Pt, etc.....	28	1	29	2	1	9	35	7	12 70	6 30	8 50	5 50	3 60	.....	.....	.....								
Unadilla and Portlandville.....	3	6	9	1	1	1	1	10	4	13 25	4 50	6 25	3 75	.....	15 00	1 00										
Lake Como, Stanton Hill, etc.....	39	19	58	1	4	25	110	4	15 75	6 30	8 75	5 25	3 50	.....	74 74	74 74										
Watson and East Brook.....	25	12	37	1	2	16	60	4	11 25	4 50	6 25	3 75	2 50	.....	14 50	14 50										
Ferndale, Briscoe, Egypt, etc.....	46	4	50	1	1	12	60	7	21 15	8 46	11 75	7 05	4 70	.....	7 14	7 14										
Big Hollow and North Settlement.....	20	2	22	1	1	1	7	30	2	9 45	3 78	5 25	3 15	2 10	.....	1 27										
Albaben, Pine Hill and Bushnellville.....	32	1	33	1	1	1	30	2	14 40	5 25	8 00	4 75	2 90	.....	45 00	.....										
Godefroy, Milford and Port Jervis.....	29	2	31	2	1	14	55	7	13 05	5 25	22 25	4 35	2 90	.....	.....	.....								
Total.....	1057	197	1254	46	10	43	287	1639	181	\$ 458 41	\$ 179 26	\$ 242 79	\$ 156 69	\$ 100 80	\$ 469 67	\$834 36											

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-fifth Annual Session, held at Richland Center, Wisconsin, September 15-18, 1909

OFFICERS

WILLIAM PEARCE, *President*

J. WALTER JONES, *Secretary*

C. SIGGELKOW, *Assistant Secretary*

E. N. HAWLEY, *Statistical Secretary*

E. J. ROBERTS, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—William Pearce, G. W. Endicott, F. O. Lewis.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—J. W. Kendall, Bertha Townsend.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—D. G. Jones, F. S. Kamm.

On Missions—Helen Dryer, Mrs. Ella Robb, Mrs. Kate Roberts, Eunice Alderman, Lisa M. Sangstad.

On Publications—C. Siggelkow, C. A. Webb, D. W. Young, J. A. Manion, Owen Owens.

On Education—E. O. Dietzman, C. W. Carnes, A. W. Gillingham, Lillie Howland, Mrs. Abbie Hasbrouck.

On Sabbath-schools—Mattie Stoll, J. B. Coffrin, Fred Hoyt, Mrs. Alice Revels.

On Reforms—F. O. Lewis, L. B. Webb, J. Turgeson, J. I. Janey, J. Steiner.

On State of the Work—H. W. Hills, William Bell, G. L. Pound, William Cole.

On Complimentary Resolutions—E. N. Hawley, F. F. Wolfe, D. G. Jones, R. Griffin, William Holden.

On Claimants and Claims—William Pearce, G. W. Endicott, D. O. Dietzman, C. A. Webb, A. W. Gillingham.

To Visit Evansville Seminary—E. O. Dietzman, C. W. Carnes.

On Nominations—G. W. Endicott, D. O. Dietzman, H. W. Hills.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—G. W. Endicott,

On State of the Work—C. W. Carnes,

On Missions—E. J. Roberts,

On Sabbath-schools—D. O. Dietzman,

On Reforms—A. L. Whitcomb,

On Publications—G. L. Pound.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

E. J. Roberts, president, retires in 1912; H. W. Hills, retires in 1911; E. N. Hawley, secretary, retires in 1910.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

E. N. Hawley, secretary, J. Turgeson, retire in 1912; L. B. Webb, president, retires in 1911; D. O. Dietzman, Oscar Johnson, retire in 1910.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD

E. N. Hawley, secretary, retires in 1912; L. B. Webb, president, Thomas Charmley, retire in 1910; J. Turgeson, Oscar Johnson, retire in 1911.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. Turgeson, A. W. Gillingham, retire in 1912; L. B. Webb, president, E. N. Hawley, secretary, retire in 1911; H. W. Hills, retires in 1910.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

November, General Missions, Home Missions (15 cents); February, Bishops' Salaries; April, Conference Claimants' Fund; June, Evansville Seminary Fund (10 cents); August, Permanent Fund, Church Extension Fund, General Conference Delegates' Expenses.

OFFICERS OF THE WISCONSIN MINISTERS' MUTUAL AID SOCIETY

L. B. Webb, president; C. Siggelkow, secretary.

ADDRESSES

H. W. Hills, treasurer, Montfort, Wisconsin.

E. J. Roberts, Sunday-school secretary, 280 Forest avenue, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

J. Walter Jones, secretary, Cuba City, Wisconsin.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. M. C. Roberts, president, 280 Forest avenue, Oshkosh, Wisconsin; Mrs. Florence Pate, vice-president, Necedah, Wisconsin; Miss Mattie Stoll, Junior president, Chetek, Wisconsin; Mrs. Fannie Knaak, corresponding secretary, Elroy, Wisconsin; Mrs. M. L. Pound, recording secretary, R. F. D., Granton, Wisconsin; Miss Helen Dryer, treasurer, Reedsburg, Wisconsin; Mrs. H. M. Whitcomb, librarian, Edgerton, Wisconsin.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

DELEGATES

L. B. Webb,
F. F. Wolfe,
D. G. Jones,
E. J. Roberts,
F. S. Kamm,
J. Turgeson,
J. B. Coffrin,
C. Siggelkow,
J. L. Phillips.

E. N. Hawley,
E. O. Dietzman,
H. W. Hills,
E. A. Wolfe,
G. W. Endicott,
G. L. Pound,
A. J. Damon,
F. O. Lewis,
A. L. Whitcomb.

W. L. Meikle,
C. A. Cusick,
W. H. Winters,
D. O. Dietzman,
W. Plant,
A. G. Gillett,
C. W. Carnes,
A. E. Knaak.

PREACHERS

William Cole,
Owen Owens,
Bertha Townsend,
Lillie Howland,
William Bell,
Robert Griffin.

Mrs. Ellen Robb,
John McLeod,
Mrs. Kate Roberts,
John Steiner,
C. A. Webb,
Fred Hoyt.

William Holden,
John I. Janney,
Mrs. Alice Revels,
J. A. Manion,
Mrs. Abbie Hasbrouck,
A. W. Gillingham.

2. Who are the stationing committee? William Pearce, H. W. Hills, G. W. Endicott, D. O. Dietzman, C. A. Webb, William Bell, A. W. Gillingham.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.
4. Who remain on trial? J. W. Kendall, W. B. Goode, R. S. Peckham.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.
6. Who are the deacons? A. E. Knaak, J. B. Coffrin, D. G. Jones.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.
8. Who have located this year? J. W. Jones, J. J. Jones.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. Plant.
10. Who are the superannuated, or worn-out preachers? C. A. Cusick, A. D. Gillett.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? A. L. Whitcomb, from the Central Illinois conference.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? J. L. Phillips.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-20. See statistical report.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? C. A. Cusick, \$90; Mary L. Coleman, \$150; Mrs. Ann Thwing, \$100; Eliza Thomson, \$25; A. D. Gillett, \$75.
- 22, 23. In order at last session, before general conference only.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. When, and where, shall our next conference be held? As near the fifteenth of September, 1910, as can be arranged by the bishops; the place to be decided by the district elders.

APPOINTMENTS

EVANSVILLE DISTRICT—A. L. WHITCOMB, District Elder.
Edgerton, Wisconsin

Evansville and Albany.....	W. H. Winters, Evansville, Wisconsin	
Milwaukee, First and Second churches.....		
.....	F. F. Wolfe, 805 72d avenue, Milwaukee,	"
Whitewater and Palmyra.....		
.....	J. B. Coffrin, Emma Coffrin, supply, Palmyra,	"
Marshall and Pierceville.....	S. D. Bunker, supply, Marshall,	"
Beaver Dam and Calamus.....		
.....	F. S. Kamm, 222 East Third street, Beaver Dam,	"
Pardeeville.....	D. G. Jones, Pardeeville,	"
Oshkosh.....	L. B. Webb, Grace J. Webb, supply,	
.....	280 Forest avenue, Oshkosh,	"
Portage and Caledonia.....	J. W. Kendall, R. F. D., Portage,	"
Baraboo, Excelsior and La Valle.....	C. Siggelkow, Baraboo,	"

J. J. Jones, granted a certificate of location at his own request, membership at Beaver Dam; E. J. Roberts, evangelist; J. Walter Jones, granted a certificate of location at his own request, membership at Platteville; C. A. Cusick, superannuated; W. L. Meikle, missionary to Japan; A. L. Whitcomb, member of the Evansville district quarterly conference.

PLATTEVILLE DISTRICT—A. L. WHITCOMB, District Elder

Platteville and Cuba City.....	J. Turgeson, Platteville, Wisconsin
Arthur.....	E. N. Hawley, Platteville, “
Montfort, Livingston and Werley.....	H. W. Hills, Montfort, “
Boscobel.....	Eunice Alderman, supply, Boscobel, “

A. J. Damon, supplying work in the South Dakota conference.

RICHLAND DISTRICT—C. W. CARNES, District Elder, Chetek, Wisconsin

Richland Center.....	G. W. Endicott, Richland Center, Wisconsin
Gillingham and Mill Creek.....	D. O. Dietzman, Richland Center, “
Loyd, Little Willow and Hub City.....	R. S. Peckham, Loyd, “
La Farge and Bear Creek.....	E. A. Wolfe, La Farge, “
Hills Prairie and Revels Valley.....	A. E. Knaak, Elroy, “
Necedah.....	R. Pate, supply, Necedah, “
North Clayton and Noggels.....	D. Elmer, supply, Soldiers Grove, “

W. Plant, supernumerary.

NORTHERN DISTRICT—C. W. CARNES, District Elder

Humbird, Augusta and Troubled Waters...	W. B. Goode, Humbird, Wisconsin
York Center circuit.....	G. L. Pound, Granton, “
Barron circuit, Sioux Creek, Maple Grove and Pecor.....	F. O. Lewis, Barron, “
Chetek, Birchwood and Rice Lake.....	Mattie Stoll, supply, Chetek, “
Ladysmith, Weyerhauser and Sioska.....	Fred Shaffer, F. Compton, supplies
Three Lakes and Rhinelander.....	E. O. Dietzman, Three Lakes, Wisconsin
Polk county circuit.....	H. Robinson, supply
Burnett county, Douglass county and Leonard Spur.....	To be supplied
Menominee	To be supplied

A. D. Gillett, superannuated; J. L. Phillips, granted a certificate of good standing in view of transfer; C. W. Carnes, member of the Northern district quarterly conference.

LOCAL PREACHERS

Adams, Charles.....	Dallas, Wisconsin	Mann, Horace, Soldiers Grove, Wisconsin
Alcock, Thomas.....	Platteville, Wisconsin	Madsen, E. C.....
Bell, William.....	Chetek, Wisconsin	†Pate, Robert.....
Compton, Frank.....	Bruce, “	Pool, A. J.....
Crandall, John.....	Humbird, “	Shafer, Fred, Jr., Ladysmith, Wisconsin
*Emerton, Ira.....	Evansville, “	Southwick, E. M., Neilsville, Wisconsin
Edgbert, Leo.....	Cameron, “	Smith, Lee F.....
Elmer, Drayton, Soldiers Grove, Wisconsin		*Tullis, E. P.....
Gillingham, Elias, Gillingham, Wisconsin		Turgeson, John.....
Hanson, Clinton.....	Barron, Wisconsin	Tallman, Orin.....
†Manion, J. A.....	Cuba City, “	*Waters, William, Platteville, Wisconsin
†McLeod, John.....	Platteville, “	Young, D. E.....
		Manston, Wisconsin

*Local elder. †Local deacon.

EVANGELISTS

Alderman, Eunice, Boscobel, Wisconsin	Lane, Mabel, 121 South Peoria street, Chicago, Illinois
Coffrin, Mrs. Emma, Palmyra, Wisconsin	*Roberts, Mrs. Mary
Clark, Hugh...Gillingham, Wisconsin	Sangstad, Lisa M., Boscobel, Wisconsin
Damon, Mrs. Christie, Mitchell, South Dakota	Shafer, Fred, Sr., Rice Lake, Wisconsin
Franz, Mrs. C. L., Fall River, Wisconsin	Shafer, Lottie, Rice Lake, Wisconsin
Jones, Mrs. Nora, Pardeeville, Wisconsin	Shafer, Hattie, Rice Lake, Wisconsin
Jones, Mrs. Florence, Cuba City, Wisconsin	*Stoll, Mattie.....Chetek, Wisconsin
Kidy, Mabel...Evansville, Wisconsin	Townsend, Bertha...Chetek, "
Kendall, Mrs. Olive, Portage, Wisconsin	Webb, Mrs. Grace J., 280 Forest avenue, Oshkosh, Wisconsin
	Wolfe, Mrs. M. C..LaFarge, Wisconsin

*Conference evangelist.

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-fifth session of the conference was held at Richland Center, Wisconsin, September 15-18, 1909. Bishop William Pearce presided.

There were five very harmonious sittings of the conference. Bishop Pearce came to us in the fullness of the blessing of God. He presided in an able, kindly and impartial manner. His addresses were full of wise counsel and timely admonitions, and his preaching was earnest, scriptural and in the demonstration of the Spirit.

On Sunday afternoon Bishop Pearce preached a very fine sermon on foreign missions. One hundred fifty dollars was raised in cash and subscriptions.

Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Matthewson, returned missionaries from Japan, were with us. Brother Matthewson gave a very interesting and instructive address on the work in Japan. We regretted that Brother Matthewson had to speak before all were there, and with no announcement. But Sister Matthewson having received word announcing the death of her father, they had to take the first train. They have our sympathy in their affliction, and we felt that it was indeed a privilege to meet these devoted servants of God.

John McLeod was ordained local deacon on Sunday afternoon.

The appointments were well received, and we adjourned determined to push the work of God with a feeling that soon there would be neither north nor south.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON EDUCATION

Realizing that we are living in a day and age when advanced education is placed within the reach of all, and when a good education is indispensable to success, even in the more humble walks of life, we are glad to notice that we as a church are not behind in this important field of usefulness.

Webster, in defining education, aptly says, "Education comprehends all that series of instruction and discipline which is intended to enlighten the understanding, correct the temper, and form the manners and habits of youth, fitting them for usefulness in their future stations." He further says, "To

give children a good education in manners, arts, and science is important; but to give them a religious education is indispensable; and an immense responsibility rests upon parents and guardians who neglect these duties."

We fully agree with the above and would urge our people to secure for their children the moral and spiritual training as well as the intellectual. We realize that our public schools furnish splendid educational advantages along the lines of intellectual and physical training, but we deeply deplore the sad neglect of the proper moral and religious training which is so essential.

Further, we deeply deplore the tendency in the public schools and also in many of the so-called Christian schools of to-day, the spirit of criticism that is arraigned against the Word of God and its teachings. Infidelity, skepticism, Higher Criticism, evolution, naturalism, secretism, and many other isms and corrupting agencies to a greater or less extent are entrenched behind these institutions. We therefore recognize the importance of schools where these devices of Satan are exposed and counteracted.

We are glad to call attention to our own denominational schools. At the present time we have seminaries at North Chili, New York; Spring Arbor, Michigan; Evansville, Wisconsin; Wessington Springs, South Dakota; Orleans, Nebraska; Seattle, Washington, and at Los Angeles, California. At Greenville, Illinois, we have an institution which combines the secondary and the collegiate, making in matter of fact eight schools doing seminary work, and one college. All these schools give a course in Bible study, and some offer a regular course in theology, and at least to have given a course during the past year in deaconess' and missionary training work.

We would also call attention to the needs of these schools. In order to compete successfully with the public schools for students, it becomes necessary to have a better equipped faculty, and this we find to be the case. The educational talent represented in our schools is much above that represented in other schools of the same grade. A more noble band of consecrated men and women cannot be found outside of our seminaries and college, in the educational world, and they rank with our ministers and missionaries in usefulness in our church. Our schools have no state funds to draw from, and therefore it becomes necessary to assist them by voluntary contributions. All our schools are handicapped by the lack of funds; and if larger funds could be secured, the field of usefulness would be much enlarged and widened.

We have one of these schools, the Evansville Seminary, within our own borders. This school has been a great factor for good to us as a conference and a church. A number of our ministers are graduates from the seminary, while others have at some time attended this school, and many ministers in other conferences have received all or a part of their education at Evansville Seminary. We also have missionaries in Africa, India and Japan and one (Miss Peterson) who gave her life on the field of China, who received all or a part of their education at Evansville.

This school has also been a means of grace. Many young and women have been converted at the school, while others have been established in their Christian experiences.

The social and literary facilities of this school are worthy of attention, and are of untold benefit to our young people and cannot be obtained elsewhere.

This school is at present in pressing need of financial help. It has become necessary to rebuild, during the past year, which has entailed large expense. We should recognize this as a part of our work and secure for this institution financial aid by liberal donations ourselves and by seeking to interest others who are interested in Christian education to assist in this great and good work. Above all, let this, our school, have our sympathies, our prayers and our boys and girls. Amen.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

EVANSVILLE, PLATTEVILLE, BEAVER DAM, RICHLAND AND NORTHERN DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER										General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claims	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
	Members	Producers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Funds	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims				
EVANSVILLE DISTRICT															
Evansville.....	42	7	49	2	1	7	50	12	\$ 22 05	\$ 8 82	\$ 12 25	\$ 7 35	.....	\$ 2 00	\$ 132 00
Albany.....	2	14	16	1	1	1	10	12	16 65	6 66	9 25	40	.....	.....	38 75
Milwaukee, Second Church.....	15	5	20	2	1	2	8	8	6 75	2 70	3 75	2 25	.....	.....	16 03
Whitewater and Falmira.....	13	1	14	2	1	2	8	5	5 85	2 34	3 25	1 95	.....	.....	16 03
Marshall and Pierceville.....	15	1	16	2	1	2	8	5	5 85	2 34	3 25	1 95	.....	.....	16 03
Platteville and Cuba City.....	35	8	43	2	1	5	30	12	18 45	7 38	10 25	4 10	.....	.....	18 75
Platteville and Cuba City.....	8	2	10	1	1	3	15	3	3 60	1 44	2 00	1 20	.....	.....	19 20
Montford, Livingston and Wexley.....	41	10	51	2	1	14	78	9	19 33	7 74	10 75	4 10	.....	.....	19 20
Boscobel.....	6	1	7	1	1	2	15	1	2 25	90	75	50	.....	1 50	2 00
Beaver Dam and Calamus.....	27	2	29	1	1	5	40	8	10 80	4 32	6 00	3 60	.....	.....	120 00
Pardesville.....	16	2	18	1	1	10	49	3	18 10	7 34	4 56	2 10	.....	.....	27 00
Oshkosh.....	18	8	26	1	1	12	14	12	18 15	7 38	10 25	2 15	.....	.....	27 00
Portage and Caledonia.....	18	1	19	1	1	6	22	6	5 40	2 16	4 50	2 70	.....	20 00	57 00
Baraboo, Excelsior and LaVale.....	9	1	10	1	1	6	40	8	17 10	6 84	9 50	5 70	.....	.....	32 29
RICHLAND DISTRICT															
Richland Center, Mill Creek.....	36	4	40	2	1	2	10	11	16 20	6 48	9 00	5 40	.....	10 00	30 67
Greenfield, Little Willow and Hub City.....	31	1	32	1	1	6	25	3	14 40	5 76	1 28	4 80	.....	15 00	30 67
Lafarge and Bear Creek.....	26	1	27	1	1	7	35	3	10 80	4 32	6 00	3 60	.....	1 52	23 09
Hill's Prairie and Revell's Valley.....	15	1	16	1	1	5	17	1	6 30	2 52	3 50	1 40	.....	.....	3 85
Necedah.....	14	4	18	1	1	5	22	2	8 55	3 45	.....	1 87	.....	2 25	.....
North Clayton and Noggels.....	9	3	12	1	1	3	12	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
NORTHERN DISTRICT															
Humboldt, Augusta, Troubled Waters.....	43	2	45	1	1	7	45	6	22 15	8 82	12 25	7 35	.....	.....	65 00
York Center.....	25	2	27	1	1	10	45	4	12 70	5 88	16 50	4 90	.....	.....	66 57
Barron Circuit, Sioux Creek.....	26	2	28	1	1	9	35	3	12 60	5 04	12 00	7 50	.....	.....	28 53
Chetek, Canton and Rice Lake.....	27	13	40	1	1	4	40	8	12 60	5 04	3 75	4 20	.....	.....	40 41
Ladysmith, Weyerhaeuser, etc.....	19	4	23	2	1	11	42	4	12 60	5 04	4 20	4 20	.....	22 94	.....
Three Lakes, Monica Junction, etc.....	1	2	3	1	1	7	45	2	2 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	45 50	.....
Winnetonka.....	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Winnetonka, Douglas Co., Leonard Spur.....	16	1	17	1	1	13	30	2	8 10	3 24	4 50	2 70	.....	5 70	.....
Menomonie.....	7	1	8	1	1	.....	.....	4	2 25	92	1 25	75	.....	7 40	.....
Polk County.....	5	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2 25	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	682	99	781	25	16	31	180	157	\$ 317 00	\$ 125 54	\$ 146 73	\$ 100 27	\$ 67 38	\$ 136 91	\$ 782 55

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

EVANSVILLE, PLATTEVILLE, BEAVER DAM, RICHLAND AND NORTHERN DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
EVANSVILLE DISTRICT												
Evansville.....	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 2 45	\$ 400 00	...	\$ 98 00	\$ 30 00	1	700	1	500
Albany.....				10			9 50		1			
Milwaukee, Second Church.....			50 00	1 85	600 00		61 12		2	7300	2	
Milwaukee, First Church.....									52			
Whitewater and Palmyra.....	1 50			75	239 12		34 34	70 02	2	1300		
Marshall and Pierceville.....				65	13 00		25 80		2	2000		
PLATTEVILLE DISTRICT												
Platteville and Cuba City.....			23 00	2 03	329 86	\$100	82 00	86 00	2	2000	1	1500
Arthur.....				40	31 75		15 29		1	600		
Montford, Livingston, Werley..			40 85	2 13	435 04	84	98 12	15 11	3	2800	1	800
Boscobel.....			5 75	25	40 94		1		1	700		
BEAVER DAM DISTRICT												
Beaver Dam and Calamus.....			20 00	1 20	435 50	100		15 12	1	2600	1	1800
Pardeeville.....		7 00	21 83	90	345 76	75	42 29	6 35	1	2500	1	1200
Oshkosh.....		1 09	90 00	2 05	400 00	120	86 80	26 00	1	2800	1	2000
Portage and Caledonia.....		1 75	10 33	90	305 00	25	57 62		2	1600		
Baraboo, Excelsior, LaValle.....				60								
RICHLAND DISTRICT												
Richland Center.....			40 00	1 90	483 00	75	82 00	59 86	1	1500	1	1000
Gillingham and Mill Creek.....			20 00	1 80	400 00		96 92	75 18	2	2000		
Loyd, Little Willow, Hub City..			7 10	1 60	207 21	60	46 57		2	1400	1	600
La Farge and Bear Creek.....		2 03	25 00	1 20	280 00	120	41 00	31 00	2	3000	1	1500
Hill's Prairie, Revell's Valley..			2 77	70	100 00		26 76	7 69	2	1600		
Neceda.....	1 00		4 71		28 75	20	11 95		1	300	1	
North Clayton and Noggels.....					100 35		3 25	3 00				
NORTHERN DISTRICT												
Humbird, Augusta, etc.....			16 00	2 45	270 00	100	63 10		1	1500	1	1500
York Center.....			20 00	1 30	265 00	50	51 25		1	1000	1	800
Barroff Circuit and Sioux Creek.			10 00	2 50	322 00	40	113 42		2	1600	1	600
Chelah, Canton and Rice Lake..			13 00	1 40	117 21	60	100 00				1	500
Ladysmith, Wegerhauser, etc.....			11 00	1 72	90 15		75 00					
Three Lakes, Monica Jct., etc...			15 07		311 83	72	17		1	1200	1	600
Rhineland.....												
Burnett, Douglas County, etc....			17 60	80	212 08		58					
Menomonie.....				25			75					
Polk County.....					10 00		00					
Total.....	\$ 3 50	\$12 87	\$ 488 99	\$33 92	\$6787 65	1101		\$ 425 85	34	\$ 41400	17	\$14900

WEST ONTARIO CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual Session, held at Brantford,
Ontario, August 25-29, 1909

OFFICERS

B. WINGET, *President*

B. E. STEVENSON, *Secretary*

M. S. BENN, *Assistant Secretary*

T. A. DRURY, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. Winget, M. S. Benn, J. M. Eagle, D. Allan, Isaac Lake.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—J. M. Eagle, M. S. Benn, Rufus Stuart, Peter Sharp.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—William Hoffman, J. H. Roberts, S. Rogers, J. A. Fletcher, William Demille.

On Publications—William Hoffman, J. M. Eagle, William Demille.

On Sabbath-schools—M. S. Benn, Thomas Sole, J. Peach.

On Education—L. H. Iles, S. Rogers, E. E. Loveless, J. McCutcheon.

On Reforms—S. Rogers, T. L. Fletcher, P. Sharp.

On State of the Work—The district elders.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—J. Peach.

On Conference Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The district elders.

On Evangelists' Benefit Fund—T. A. Drury, J. M. Eagle, M. S. Benn, P. Sharp, William Demille.

To Receive and Distribute Contingent Fund—T. A. Drury, M. S. Benn, J. M. Eagle, Fred Eddy.

To Settle with Claimants—T. A. Drury.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR.

On Publications—J. W. Peach,

On Sabbath-schools—S. Rogers,

On Reforms—W. J. Cowherd,

On Education—G. W. Freeman.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. M. Eagle, president; M. O. Coates, secretary; S. Rogers, H. Mellor, Rufus Stuart.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

M. S. Benn, president, for three years; M. O. Coates, secretary, for one year; S. Rogers, for two years.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

M. S. Benn, president; J. M. Eagle, secretary; T. S. Moorehouse, treasurer; G. B. Teal, R. Stuart.

TRUSTEES OF PROPOSED FREE METHODIST SEMINARY IN CANADA

M. S. Benn, president; L. H. Iles, secretary; T. A. Drury, treasurer.

ADVISORY BOARD

J. M. Eagle, president; M. S. Benn, secretary; T. A. Drury, treasurer; Henry Meador, Rufus Stuart.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Bishops' Salaries (18 cents), General Missions (15 cents); second quarter, Conference Missions (25 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents); third quarter, Contingent Fund (20 cents), Church Extension (10 cents); fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund (45 cents), Evangelists' Benefit Fund (free-will offering).

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Agnes Benn, president, 102 Catherine street, North, Hamilton, Ontario; Mrs. L. J. Coleman, first vice-president, Kelvin, Ontario; Mrs. J. M. Eagle, second vice-president, Richards Landing, St. Joseph Island, Ontario; Miss Mary Botting, corresponding and recording secretary, Comber, Ontario; Miss Alice Walls, treasurer, Thorneyhurst, Ontario; Mrs. E. E. Loveless, superintendent of Junior work, Port Rowan, Ontario; Miss Effie Cowherd, tract agent, Meaford, Ontario.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. M. Eagle,	M. S. Benn,	D. Allan,
T. A. Drury,	F. L. Fletcher,	L. H. Iles,
S. Rogers,	William Hoffman,	M. O. Coates,
E. E. Loveless,	J. A. Fletcher,	H. G. Kent,
J. H. Roberts,	B. E. Stevenson,	J. H. Winter.

DELEGATES

Thomas Sole,	Isaiah Bailey,	Polly Merritt,
Fred Eddy,	Martha Mullen,	William McLellan,
Peter Sharp,	Agnes Countryman,	Harvey Knight,
Isaac Lake,	Synthe Griggs,	William Demille,
Elisha Stevenson,	Alma Miller,	John McCutcheon,
Stephen Fiddler,	Catherine Clink,	John W. Peach,
Charles Burns,	Jennie Melton,	Rufus Stuart,
William Moffat,	Thomas Browning.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. Winget, J. M. Eagle, D. Allan, M. S. Benn, Thomas Sole, Fred Eddy, Rufus Stuart.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? J. W. Peach, G. W. Freeman, J. H. Stewart.

4. Who remain on trial? J. E. Ayre, J. W. Winans, James Clink, R. Slingerland, D. H. McCallum, E. A. Demille, C. Fader, W. J. Cowherd, J. T. Abrams.

5. None.

6. Who are the deacons? M. O. Coates, J. H. Winter, E. E. Loveless, J. A. Fletcher, J. H. Roberts, H. G. Kent, B. E. Stevenson.

7. None.

8. Who have located this year? R. A. Coates.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? L. H. Iles, H. C. Freemantle, D. H. McCallum (on trial).
10. Who are the superannuated, or worn-out preachers? T. A. Drury, J. H. Winter.
- 11, 12, 13. None.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
15. None.
- 16-20. See statistics.
21. What amounts are necessary for superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? Forty dollars.
23. See statistical reports.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Thedford, Ontario, the first week in October.

APPOINTMENTS

HAMILTON DISTRICT—M. S. BENN, District Elder, 102 Catherine street, North, Hamilton, Ontario

Hamilton.....	E. A. Demille, 102 Catherine street, North, Hamilton, Ontario	
Hannon and Ancaster.....	T. L. Fletcher, Hannon,	"
Kimbo and Caistor Center.....	C. Fader, Kimbo,	"
Canboro, Attercliffe and Montague.....	J. H. Roberts, Canboro,	"
Ridgeway and Port Erie.....	W. J. Cowherd, Ridgeway,	"
Welland, Wainfleet and Candisville.....	J. A. Hamilton, Welland,	"
Niagara Falls.....	William Hoffman, Niagara Falls,	"

T. A. Drury, superannuated without claim, Beamsville, Ontario; M. S. Benn, member of Hamilton district quarterly conference.

BRANTFORD DISTRICT—M. S. BENN, District Elder

Brantford.....	B. E. Stevenson, 14 Buffalo street, Brantford, Ontario	
Kelvin and Norwich.....		
.....	Laura J. Coleman and Flossie Teal, supplies, Kelvin,	"
Galt.....	J. A. Fletcher, Galt,	"
Meaford.....	Effie Cowherd and Nellie Smith, supplies, Meaford,	"

J. H. Winter, superannuated without claim; R. Slingerland, left without an appointment to attend school.

TILSONBURG DISTRICT—D. ALLAN, District Elder

Tilsonburg, Ebenezer and Bayham.....	J. T. Abrams, Tilsonburg, Ontario	
Marston and Houghton.....	J. E. Ayre, Langton,	"
Walsingham Center and Jericho.....	G. W. Freeman, Walsingham Center,	"
Port Rowan and Port Royal.....	E. E. Loveless, Port Rowan,	"

J. W. Winans, missionary to the Dominican Republic, San Francisco de Macoris, West Indies.

LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT—J. M. EAGLE, District Elder, Richards Landing, St. Joseph Island, Ontario

Fort William, Port Arthur and Hymers.....	J. W. Peach, Hymers, Ontario	
Sault Ste. Marie.....	Matilda Sipprell, supply, Sault Ste. Marie,	"
St. Joseph Island.....	J. M. Eagle	
	L. H. Iles, supernumerary.	

SARNIA DISTRICT—D. ALLAN, District Elder, 293 Maxwell street,
Sarnia, Ontario

Sarnia.....S Rogers, 279 Maxwell street, Sarnia, Ontario
Thedford and Sharon....H. G. Kent, Emily Kent, supply, Thedford, "
Terminus, Tenth, Thorneycroft and Bickford....."
.....J. H. Stewart, Wilksport, "
Zion and Oakdale.....George Evans, supply, Beaver Meadow, "
Dawn Mills, Thorncliffe and Ousley.....J. S. Clink, Dresden, "
Charlemont.....M. O. Coates, Tuperville, "
Middlemiss.....To be supplied
Comber and Tilbury Mission....Annie Botting, supply, and another
.....supply to be secured, Comber, Ontario

H. C. Freemantle, D. H. McCallum, supernumerary; R. A. Coates, granted
a certificate of location at his own request; D. Allan, member of Sarnia dis-
trict quarterly conference.

MISCELLANEOUS

The fourteenth annual session of the West Ontario conference convened
at Brantford, Ontario, August 25-29. Owing to the serious affliction of Bishop
Wilson T. Hogue, Missionary Secretary B. Winget presided over the five har-
monious sittings to the satisfaction of all. His addresses and sermons were
full of edification, light and encouragement.

An excellent missionary service was held, at which an offering of one
hundred forty-five dollars in cash and subscriptions was taken.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, In the Providence of God, Rev. W. T. Hogue, our beloved
bishop, whom we anticipated would be in attendance at our conference and
have charge, is passing through deep affliction and consequently unable to be
with us; and,

WHEREAS, He is deprived from participating in the work which lies so
near his heart; and,

WHEREAS, His sermons, exhortations and fatherly counsel have on similar
occasions been a benediction and our association very pleasant; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the West Ontario conference, now in session, express
our heart-felt sympathy for Bishop Hogue and family, and that we unite in
fervent prayer for his speedy and permanent recovery; and that we instruct
the secretary to forward a copy of the foregoing to Brother Hogue and also
to incorporate a copy in the minutes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON REFORMS

We wish to notice first, that gigantic evil, the liquor traffic, with its
home-destroying and soul-blighting influence in time and eternity. We may
say of it as Dr. A. Clarke speaks of the incorrigibly wicked man, that it is
"Evil before, behind, above, beneath, and all about it. It is cursed forever
more." Its indulgence stimulates every wrong propensity within its devotees
to unbridled lust and wicked gratification. Notwithstanding the temporary
restraints of law, it breaks all bounds and persists in wrecking the homes,
bodies, and souls of men and women, without the shadow of a compensation.

We are led to rejoice in the persevering crusade against the damnable
business on both sides of the American boundary line, but its doom will not
be complete until it is totally swept into oblivion; therefore, total prohibition
of its manufacture and sale is the only permanent, effective and sufficient
reform.

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THE SECRET SOCIETY.—Again we are confronted by that religious jellied
octopus, "The Secret Empire," a secret system of ungodly, oath-bound prin-

ciples which are sapping the life out of the home, the church, and the state. They are increasing everywhere, and fungus-like, as vampires, are even extending their roots and spirit into the professing churches. The ministry thus affected aim to utilize the power lying therein to further on their monopoly on human society, to increase the membership of their churches, thus making them twofold more the children of hell than themselves.

What can be done to prevent the youth of our land then from entering the dread coils? We answer, Let our ministers cry aloud and spare not, for we, as a ministry and a people, are led to take the initiative position against the redoubts of the devil such as the popular dare not do.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST ONTARIO CONFERENCE

HAMILTON, BRANTFORD, SARNIA, TILSONBURG AND LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Rec- elps	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- elps	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
HAMILTON DISTRICT												
Hamilton.....			\$ 28 23	\$ 90	\$ 179 22	\$ 50	\$ 48 92	\$ 59 75	1	\$ 5000	1	\$ 800
Hannon.....			16 12	1 45	351 00	25	57 61	1 25	1	1000	1	500
Kimbo and Calstor Center.....			6 18	1 40	267 84	30	33 88		2	1500	1	500
Canboro, Attercliffe, Montague			18 00	1 25	201 50		38 32		2	1500	1	800
Ridge-way.....			14 20	95	253 36				1	3200		
Welland and Wainfleet.....			10 00	90	220 00	108	28 76	\$ 00 2	1	1400	1	300
Port Erie.....			14 68	30	177 20		25 25	9 50	1	900		
Niagara Falls.....				25					1	1200		
BRANTFORD DISTRICT												
Brantford.....			34 12	1 95	465 00	100	69 32		1	3000	1	1900
Galt.....			60 23	1 40	602 00		78 79		1	3000	2	4000
Kelvin and Norwich.....			52 67	1 55	283 67	30	72 00	4 70	2	1500	1	700
Meaford.....			5 55	35	113 65		31 65					
Ancaster.....			28 4	65	275 00		48 31		1	1200		
SARNIA DISTRICT												
Sarnia.....			77 74	3 10	624 00	100	68 21		1	1800	1	2000
Thedford and Sharon.....			29 83	2 05	350 00	36	41 82		2	800	1	450
Terminus, Tenth, Thorneycroft			33 70	2 25	335 04	50	54 45		2	1000	1	800
Zion and Oakdale.....				1 75	302 84		49 35		1	1000		
Dawn Mills, Thorncliffe, etc.....				65	200 00		35 63		2	700	1	400
Charlemont.....			20 00	2 60	483 65	30	65 02	9 87	1	750	1	750
Middlemiss.....			5 82	45			18 83		1	700		
Comber and Tilbury Mission.....					90 01							
TILSONBURG DISTRICT												
Tilsonburg and Ebenezer.....				1 25	258 63	24	28 39	3 00	1	550	1	550
Houghton and Bayham.....	\$ 1 00		12 00	90	237 00		33 00		2	1000		
Marston and Langton.....			20 00	1 40	210 00		35 19		1	1200		
Walsingham Center and Jericho			19 00	1 90	231 40	25	33 83	3 27	2	2000	1	500
Port Rowan and Port Royal.....				60	315 95	50	47 42	45 00	1	2000		
LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT												
Port William, Port Arthur, etc.....			57 00	1 30	185 00	20	106 00		1	800	1	300
Island Center, Richards Land'g			13 72	1 65	210 00	60	70		1	900	1	1000
Hilton and "I" Line.....			10 00	35	17 00		12					
Sault Ste Marie.....			12 00	80	128 00		16 00					
Total.....	\$ 1 00		\$ 598 27	\$36 30	\$7696 96	\$738	1244 95	\$ 223 34	35	39600	17	\$18750

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST ONTARIO CONFERENCE
HAMILTON, BRANTFORD, SARNIA, TILSONBURG AND LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Omcs & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claim-ants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Confessions Mis- sions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Missions- ary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Socie- ties
HAMILTON DISTRICT																		
Hamilton.....	M. S. Benn, District Elder	14	5	19	3	1	8	1	5	7	8 10	3 24	4 50	2 70	1 80	.....	.....	81 07
Hannon.....	M. S. Benn, District Elder	24	4	28	3	1	11	2	6	20	13 06	5 22	7 26	4 30	2 80	.....	.....	23 01
Kimbo and Caistor Center.....	T. L. Fletcher.....	26	4	30	3	1	12	2	8	40	12 00	6 04	7 26	4 30	2 80	.....	.....	8 01
Canboro, Aftercliffe and Monlaque.....	J. A. Hamilton.....	25	4	29	3	1	11	2	6	20	13 06	5 22	7 26	4 30	2 80	.....	.....	6 25
Ridgeway.....	J. A. Roberts.....	26	4	30	3	1	12	2	8	40	12 00	6 04	7 26	4 30	2 80	.....	.....	6 50
Welland and Wainfleet.....	E. A. Demille.....	25	4	29	3	1	11	2	6	20	13 06	5 22	7 26	4 30	2 80	.....	.....	7 15
Fort Erie.....	S. Rogers.....	26	4	30	3	1	12	2	8	40	12 00	6 04	7 26	4 30	2 80	.....	.....	7 15
Niagara Falls.....	T. H. Water.....	10	3	13	1	1	4	20	2	2	2 70	1 05	1 75	1 05	70	.....	.....	36 16
BRANTFORD DISTRICT																		
Brantford.....	M. S. Benn, District Elder	46	4	50	1	1	10	60	10	17 55	7 02	9 75	5 85	3 90	.....	.....	.....	51 30
Galt.....	David Allan.....	27	3	30	1	1	8	35	6	12 60	5 04	7 00	4 20	2 80	.....	.....	.....	84 16
Kelvin and Norwich.....	J. A. Fletcher.....	31	4	35	1	1	15	60	6	13 95	5 68	7 75	4 65	3 10	.....	.....	.....	76 71
Meaford.....	Laura J. Coleman, supply.....	8	3	11	1	1	2	9	2	3 15	1 26	1 75	1 05	70	.....	.....	.....	6 50
Ancaster.....	Daniel Toole.....	19	3	22	1	1	7	60	4	5 85	2 34	3 25	1 95	1 30	.....	.....	.....	13 41
SARNIA DISTRICT																		
Sarnia.....	E. E. Loveless.....	62	6	68	3	1	12	91	17	27 90	11 16	15 60	9 30	6 20	.....	.....	.....	324 40
Thedford and Sharon.....	J. A. Drury.....	37	3	40	2	1	11	43	5	20 25	7 38	10 35	6 15	4 10	.....	.....	.....	82 84
Terminus, Tenth and Thorneyhurst.....	H. G. Kent.....	46	3	49	2	1	16	69	5	15 75	8 10	10 25	6 75	4 50	.....	.....	.....	80 70
Zion and Oakdale.....	J. H. Stewart.....	19	3	22	1	1	7	60	4	5 85	2 34	3 25	1 95	1 30	.....	.....	.....	37 50
Dawn Mills, Thorncliffe, Ousley.....	J. S. Clark.....	13	1	14	1	1	8	60	8	23 40	9 36	13 00	7 80	5 20	.....	.....	.....	100 00
Madison.....	George Evans.....	51	14	65	3	1	12	91	17	27 90	11 16	15 60	9 30	6 20	.....	.....	.....	132 17
Midland.....	M. O. Condes.....	9	1	10	1	1	2	7	2	4 05	1 62	2 35	1 35	90	.....	.....	.....	4 00
Comber and Tilbury Mission.....	Effie Cowherd, supply.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
TILSONBURG DISTRICT																		
Tilsonburg and Ebenezer.....	J. F. Eagle, District Elder	24	7	31	1	1	4	28	5	11 25	4 50	.....	3 75	2 50	.....	.....	.....	74 24
Houghton and Bayham.....	J. F. Abrams.....	17	1	18	2	2	7	40	3	7 20	2 88	4 00	2 40	1 60	.....	.....	.....	19 76
Marston and Langton.....	J. E. Ayre.....	33	8	41	1	1	6	30	7	12 60	5 04	7 00	4 20	2 80	.....	.....	.....	38 93
Walsingham Center and Jerico.....	G. W. Freeman.....	41	6	47	2	12	55	3	17	10	6 84	9 50	5 70	3 80	.....	.....	.....	48 19
Port Rowan and Port Royal.....	D. H. McCallum.....	12	21	33	1	5	30	6	5	40	2 15	3 60	1 80	1 20	.....	.....	.....	34 16
LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT																		8 89
Fort William, Port Arthur, Hymers Island Center, Richards Landing.....	L. H. Iles, District Elder	25	4	29	1	1	8	50	13	11 70	4 68	6 50	3 90	2 60	.....	.....	.....	64 30
Hilton and.....	C. Fader.....	30	1	31	1	1	8	20	8	14 85	4 95	6 25	3 80	2 60	.....	.....	.....	29 10
Sault Ste Marie.....	W. F. Cowherd.....	11	1	12	1	1	5	20	3	3 15	1 26	1 75	1 05	70	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	C. F. Iles.....	8	.....	8	.....	.....	4	16	1	7 20	2 88	4 00	2 40	1 60	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	B. E. Stevenson.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....		718	132	850	15	17	38	195	983	151	\$ 325 70	130 68	\$ 171 10	\$ 108 90	\$ 72 60	.....	.....	1461 86

WESTERN CANADA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Fourth Annual Session, held at Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada, September 30-October 2, 1909

OFFICERS

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W. H. WILSON, *Secretary*

O. L. KING, *Assistant Secretary*

F. M. WEES, *Treasurer*

W. H. WILSON, *Railway Secretary for Saskatchewan District*

O. L. KING, *Railway Secretary for Alberta District*

COMMITTEES

- On Public Worship*—Alexander Beers, F. M. Wees, W. H. Wilson.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—R. H. Hamilton, W. H. Haight.
On Publications—F. M. Wees, W. H. Wilson, John Wilson.
On Sabbath-schools—W. H. Haight, William Robson, E. Steer.
On Education—R. H. Shoup, O. L. King, R. Elsom.
On Reforms—W. H. Wilson, W. H. Haight, E. Snider.
On the State of the Work—F. M. Wees, O. L. King.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—R. H. Hamilton.
On Conference Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The district elders.
To Receive and Disburse Funds to Defray Expenses of Preachers and Delegates to the Annual Conference—W. H. Wilson, F. M. Wees.
On Conference Claimants and Claims—Alexander Beers, F. M. Wees, O. L. King, John Wilson, E. Snider.
To Estimate Amount Necessary to be Raised the Coming Year for Conference Missions and to Defray Expenses of Preachers and Delegates to the Annual Conference—F. M. Wees, I. L. King.
On Temperance—W. H. Haight, Nellie Tibbett, Thomas Flake.
To Locate Place for Holding the next Annual Conference—W. H. Wilson, O. L. King, F. M. Wees.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

- On Publications*—W. H. Wilson, *On Education*—O. L. King,
On Sabbath-schools—R. H. Hamilton, *On Reforms*—F. M. Wees.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. H. Wilson, president; O. L. King, secretary; F. M. Wees, treasurer; W. Robson, E. Snider.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

E. Steer, president, time expires in 1910; O. L. King, time expires in 1911;
W. H. Wilson, secretary, time expires in 1912.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents); Conference Missions (25 cents);
second quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Church Extension (10 cents); third

quarter, Conference Claimants; fourth quarter, Permanent Fund (5 cents), Expenses of Preachers and Delegates to Annual Conference (25 cents).

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Annie L. Steer, Westview, Saskatchewan; vice-president, Mrs. Josie R. Wees, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan; recording secretary, Miss Hannah Lawrence, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan; corresponding secretary, Lizzie Dierks, Froude, Saskatchewan; treasurer, Mrs. Jennie Elsom, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

CUSTODIANS OF THE ROBERT HAMILTON EVANGELISTIC FUND

W. H. Wilson, president; R. H. Hamilton, treasurer; O. L. King, secretary; R. H. Shoup.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

DELEGATES

F. M. Wees,
W. H. Haight,
Charles Dierks,
R. Hamilton.

O. L. King,
E. Steer,
J. B. Newville,

W. H. Wilson,
R. H. Shoup,
F. G. Mathews.

[Woman evangelist having a seat in this conference—Josie R. Wees.]

PREACHERS

R. Elsom,
John Wilson,
William Robson.

Thomas Flake,
E. Snider,

Nellie Tibbett,
A. Robinson,

2. Who are the stationing committee? Alexander Beers, F. M. Wees, O. L. King, John Wilson, E. Snider.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? Heman Hurlburt.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? R. H. Hamilton.

6. Who are the deacons? R. H. Shoup, Charles T. Dierks, R. H. Hamilton.

7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 21. None.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? F. G. Mathews, an ordained elder from the New York conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23. See statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? Not later than October first, if suited to the plan of the bishops; the location of a place was left with a committee.

MISCELLANEOUS

The fourth annual session of the Western Canada conference convened at Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, September 30th to October 2nd. There were

four sittings in all. In the absence of Bishop Burton R. Jones, Rev. Alexander Beers, of Seattle, Washington, presided at the conference to the great satisfaction of all present. Brother and Sister Beers came to the conference in the Spirit. Their simplicity of manner and faith was of special inspiration to all our people, and their return to this field at any future date will be welcomed by all who made their acquaintance.

There was about \$650 raised for all purposes, in cash and subscriptions during the conference.

During the conference there were two missionary services held by the returned missionaries from Africa, Rev. J. W. Haley and wife. At these services they exhibited the many curios they had brought with them from their field in the far East. The W. F. M. S. held their usual annual sitting with appointing of officers for the coming year. The reports show a favorable increase. The amount raised for the year was \$520.41.

APPOINTMENTS

SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT—F. M. WEES, District Elder, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan

Moose Jaw
Josie R. Wees, Hannah Lawrence, supplies, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan
 Westview and Marquis.....E. Steer, Westview, "
 Blackheath, Hudmore and Froude..Charles T. Dierks, Froude, "
 Roseview and Mooney.....Charles Babcock, supply, Roseview, "
 Estevan and Mizpah.....R. H. Hamilton, Estevan, "
 Green Mount and Loweton...Heman Hurlburt, Green Mount, "
 BenitoWilliam Findley, supply, Benito, Manitoba
 W. H. Wilson, conference evangelist, Estevan, Saskatchewan.

ALBERTA DISTRICT—O. L. KING, District Elder, 24 River street, Edmonton, Alberta

Edmonton.....To be supplied
 Calgary.....To be supplied
 Bruce, Phillips and Rich schoolhouse...F. G. Mathews, Lake Thomas, Alberta
 Conjuring CreekJ. B. Newville, Conjuring Creek, "
 WitterburgR. H. Shoup, Witterburg, "
 W. H. Haight, conference evangelist, Bruce, Alberta.

LOCAL PREACHERS

Arthur L. Haight.....Bruce, Alberta John Robinson, Roseview, Saskatche-
 F. C. Wilson.....Bruce, " wan
 F. B. Lewis....Lake Thomas, " W. H. Black.....Brightview, Alberta
 E. J. Draper.....Edmonton, Alberta

EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Jennie Elsom, Moose Jaw, Sas- Mrs. Annie L. Steer, Westview, Sas-
 katchewan. katchewan
 Mrs. Josie R. Wees, Moose Jaw, Sas- Mrs. Lizzie J. King, 24 River street,
 katchewan. Edmonton, Alberta
 Mrs. Lucy Green...Harland, Alberta Miss Hannah Lawrence, Moose Jew.
 Saskatchewan

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed, \$22.80; paid, \$22.80.
 BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed, \$27.36; paid, \$27.36.
 CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS'—Assessed, \$68.40; paid, \$68.40.
 PERMANENT FUND—Assessed, \$7.60; paid, \$7.90.
 CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed, \$15.20; paid, \$15.20.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON REFORMS

The committee beg leave to submit the following report:

Webster says that the word "reform" means "to change from worse to better." It is to change an old form, or no form at all, for a new one.

Reforms have to do with the change of habits. Our life is a composite of habits, some good, some bad. To overcome habit requires strong effort. Professor Bain in treating the subject of "Moral Habits," lays down a few maxims of great practical value:

1. "Launch yourself with as strong an initiative as possible."
2. "Never suffer an exception to occur till the new habit is securely rooted in your life."
3. "Seize the very first opportunity to act on every resolution you make in the direction of the habits you aspire to gain."

It is the sense of this committee that there is not sufficient stress placed upon the doctrine and experience of entire holiness. This is the distinctive issue upon which the Free Methodist church was called into existence. Brethren, let us preach holiness more than during the past year; let us demonstrate it in our lives and God will bless our efforts.

A matter of much importance is the saving of our children and young people. The work should commence in the home life. The discipline in many of our homes is not calculated to produce the best effects on the youthful mind. The hurried manner in which the home worship is conducted, the dry prayers indulged in, with frequent omissions, all tend to break down a sacred regard for the family altar.

The sanctity of the Lord's day is not sufficiently guarded in many homes. The children fall into the error of looking upon the Sabbath as a holiday, or special opportunity for visiting. Its ill effects are often not discovered until the opportunity for parental reformation has fled and gone, no more to return.

Another thing we think could be altered among us with profit is the use made of the Free Methodist hymn-book in our services. There is a growing tendency to discard the use of this book of song. The committee strongly recommend that the Free Methodist hymn-book be used for the regular church services, the days' services, at least, of the camp-meetings, the quarterly meetings, and other religious gatherings. There is an inspiration and conviction produced in the use of these good, old hymns that are not found in the modern hymnology. The preachers should lead off in this reform and advise our people to bring their hymn-books with them to the general gatherings, and see that our societies are supplied with sufficient copies for the use of our own church hymn-book.

A very important matter to consider in connection with the prosperity of the work of God is the spirit of commercialism. The very air in this western country is pregnant with the germs of commercialism. When this moral parasite has fastened itself upon the soul it is easily noticeable in the life of the individual. Once the channel of liberality is closed there is little hope for escape. "To keep scattering as God increases" is the only safe rule.

A matter that is worthy of note in this report is that of plainness of attire. Most of our people are plain, but we are not without exceptions. Our young people have come to our church from worldly circles where the sin of

fashion has been freely indulged in. It is not likely they will all see at once the necessity of being as plain as they should. We should insist, kindly, but positively, on the observance of this disciplinary rule and Bible principle. No wonder that one of the leading churches of this city (Moose Jaw) has instituted a crusade against the big hats and is legislating against their being worn during the hour of divine service.

A suggestion that should not be overlooked is that of cleanliness. The old adage, "Cleanliness is next to godliness" is not far astray. Spurgeon said there were three D's he would not have about him: "Devil, Debt and Dirt."

There is room for reform among our people as regards the matter of aggressiveness; and pushing out into new territory. Our business is to spread the work of God. We are in danger of settling down and reducing all our efforts to self interest.

May the Lord impress our hearts of the vast importance of His work, that we may spend our time and means in laying up treasure in heaven.

II.—ON EDUCATION

So long as one generation succeeds another in the arena of life the subject of education will be a vital one. With their undeveloped physical, mental and mortal natures men make their first appearance in the world. From the child of the king to the home of the poor, all come on the stage of action in a state of total ignorance, and thus begin the journey of life.

Education consists in the development of this compound nature of the child. For some time the responsibility of this development rests alone with the parents. But soon it is shared by the public and the individual himself. The advantages offered to all by our public school system for securing a thorough mental training make it a necessity to have such mental training. The young man nor woman who would seek for an honorable position in life who fails to have at least a fair education will be considered stupid and thus will fail to command public respect.

But that mental training alone is not sufficient is obvious when we see the scores of educated criminals marching annually to make their home within the prison walls. Again we glance at the long line of our mental giants and we note the dissipated, sin-marked faces—those who are slaves to various habits and many of them total physical wrecks. And we conclude that mental development alone is insufficient.

Moral training is necessary for the making of character and for the protection of the mental and physical. This training may begin very early in life; it begins at home. God's counsel to parents regarding this matter referring to His laws was as follows: "Thou shalt teach them diligently to thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house and when thou walkest in the way and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house and upon thy gates." By this precept is described the proper atmosphere for the growth and development of the young. Too often, however, the children are handed over to the public school where the laws of God have no prominent place. They are surrounded daily by worldly-minded teachers and companions and how soon do the children imbibe the worldly spirit and become immoral! The fact is they left too soon the hallowed influences surrounding the people of God. Their lives were yet in a state of development; and how sad to see them come at so tender an age against the frigid atmosphere of worldliness.

For the purpose of educating the whole person of our young people—the physical, mental and spiritual—our church has established at great sacrifice one college and several seminaries, which are doing excellent work. The spiritual atmosphere of these seats of learning is such as to inspire faith in God and lead to genuine conversion and holy living. We recommend that our conference patronize these schools and support them by prayer, by money and by placing their youth in them.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WESTERN CANADA CONFERENCE

SASKATCHEWAN AND ALBERTA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Rishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missions
SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT																	
Moose Jaw	F. M. Wees, District Elder	9	1	10	3	1	5	18	3	2 70	1 08	1 50	90	60			\$59 00
Westview	Jessie R. Wees	30	5	35	1	1	5	43	9	13 95	5 58	7 75	4 65	3 10			232 90
Blackbeath	Hannah Lawrence, supplies	17	10	27	1	1	1	5	8	7 20	2 88	4 00	2 40	1 60			27 75
Estevan	Chas. Dierks	30	22	52	1	2	11	65	7	9 45	3 70	2 50	1 50	1 00		\$ 78 00	36 10
Rosevear	R. H. Hamilton	28	1	29	1	2	8	60	4	6 75	3 70	3 75	3 35	2 10			27 00
Lowerton and Greenmount	W. H. Wilson	15	2	17	2	2	10	109	7	4 05	1 62	3 70	1 35	1 25			7 25
Benito	H. Hurlburt	7		7													
	William Findley	3	4	7													
ALBERTA DISTRICT																	
Edmonton	O. L. King, District Elder	6	5	11	1				2	2 70	1 08	1 50	90	60			
Calgary		4	1	5					2	7 30	3 30	1 00	60	40			
Hurry and Round Hill	W. H. Haight	28	1	29	2	1	6	32	7	11 70	4 70	3 90	3 90	2 60			4 00
Conjuring Creek		7	1	8					3	3 60	1 44	2 00	1 20	80			
Wittenburg	R. H. Shoup	9		9					2								
Total		193	53	246	4	5	45	320	54	68 40	27 38		\$ 22 80	\$ 14 53		\$ 78 00	\$34 00

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WESTERN CANADA CONFERENCE

SASKATCHEWAN AND ALBERTA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT												
Moose Jaw.....			\$ 20 00	\$ 30	\$ 290 00	\$100	\$ 83 15	\$ 11 80	1	\$1500 00	1	\$ 1000
Westview.....			21 30	1 55	507 00	70	82 50	20 00	1	2000 00	1	735
Blackheath.....				80	225 76	50	62 10	10 10			1	550
Estevan.....			30 00	50	361 00		60 90	80 26	1	1750 00	1	500
Roseview.....			17 61	1 05	447 55	60	69 55				1	600
Loweton and Greenmount.....			32 20	75	100 00	24	33 20					
Ebenezer.....							39 25		1	1000 00	1	500
Benito.....												
ALBERTA DISTRICT												
Edmonton.....				30			15 90					
Calgary.....				20			58 35					
Hurry and Round Hill.....	\$ 1 30		14 80		225 00		57 00	15 00				
Conjuring Creek.....				40	36 00		25 80					
Wittenburg.....					59 55		36 20					
	\$ 1 30		\$ 135 91	\$ 5 85	\$2251 86	\$304	\$624 15	\$ 140 16	4	\$6250 00	6	\$ 3886

OIL CITY CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Eleventh Annual Session, held at Kane,
Pennsylvania, September 29th-October 2, 1909

OFFICERS

WILLIAM PEARCE, *President*

MENDAL B. MILLER, *Secretary*

T. W. MURRAY, *Assistant Secretary*

G. S. BRYAN, *Statistical Secretary*

J. S. M'GEARY, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Nominations—R. A. Zahniser, E. L. Monroe, J. S. M'Geary, C. A. VanValin, H. M. Foreman.

On Public Worship—William Pearce, J. J. Zahniser, J. K. Mumau, C. A. VanValin, C. W. Cowan.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—H. D. Call.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—F. B. Schriener, G. A. Garrett, M. E. Wolcott, J. F. Barkas, O. N. Davis.

On Sabbath-schools—W. J. Barkas, J. F. Collins, J. C. Bowman.

On Conference Missions—The stationing committee.

On State of the Work—J. S. M'Geary, R. McGarvey, C. W. Cowan.

On Reforms—C. E. Weaver, E. Blews, W. L. Kerr.

On Publications—William Bryenton, A. J. Hill, D. E. Smith.

On Education—J. M. Critchlow, A. T. Sager, J. J. Ginader.

On Complimentary Resolutions—D. B. Tobey, F. E. Pond, R. L. Fairbanks.

On Ministerial Relations—J. S. M'Geary, M. B. Miller, A. J. Hill, Harry Blews, O. N. Davis.

To Examine Titles to Church and Parsonage Property—M. B. Miller, J. M. Critchlow, D. B. Tobey, J. S. M'Geary, J. C. Bowman.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—William Pearce, M. B. Miller, J. J. Zahniser, H. Blews, C. A. VanValin.

On Street Meetings—A. C. Tanner, R. B. Brewster, H. D. Call, F. A. Reese, I. B. Hawks.

On Press Correspondence—A. H. M. Zahniser.

On Auditing the Treasurer's Accounts—M. B. Miller.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

C. E. Weaver, time expires 1910; E. S. Zahniser, time expires 1911; E. L. Monroe, president, time expires 1912; G. S. Bryan, secretary, time expires 1913; H. W. Mitchell, time expires 1914.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. S. M'Geary, president; A. J. Hill, secretary; H. Blews, treasurer; A. Smith, C. R. Slade.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

M. B. Miller, A. J. Hill, J. E. Berkheimer, J. K. Dale, J. C. Bowman.

TRUSTEES OF THE PREACHERS' ANNUITY SOCIETY

E. Blews, time expires 1910; A. Smith, time expires 1911; J. M. Critchlow, president, time expires 1912; J. S. McGeary, secretary, time expires 1913; M. B. Miller, treasurer, time expires 1914.

ADDRESSES

M. B. Miller, secretary, 1229 Chestnut street, Franklin, Pennsylvania.
J. S. McGeary, treasurer, 25 Rex street, Sharon, Pennsylvania.
J. M. Critchlow, Sunday-school secretary for the Oil City, Meadville and New Castle districts, Titusville, Pennsylvania.
J. F. Collins, Sunday-school secretary for the Kane, Tyrone and Bradford districts, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sunday-schools—H. D. Call, *On Education*—T. W. Murray,
On Publications—J. S. M'Geary, *On State of the Work*—A. J. Hill,
 On Reforms—E. Blews.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Church Extension (10 cents); second quarter, Bishops' Claim (18 cents), Expenses of Delegates to General Conference (5 cents), Permanent Endowment Fund (5 cents); third quarter, Superannuate Claim (45 cents); fourth quarter, Conference Missions (15 cents); all money to be sent to J. S. McGeary, 25 Rex street, Sharon, Pennsylvania.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. E. L. McGeary, president, 25 Rex street, Sharon, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Margaret Call, corresponding secretary, R. D. 1, East Sandy, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Lena D. Barkas, treasurer, 1218 Buffalo street, Franklin, Pennsylvania.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

S. Sager,	D. B. Tobey,	M. B. Miller,
A. T. Sager,	J. S. McGeary..	J. E. Berkheimer,
J. M. Critchlow,	J. J. Zahniser,	H. D. Todd,
A. Smith,	R. M. Whitcomb,	T. W. Murray,
C. E. Weaver,	E. Blews,	E. L. Kiffer,
A. J. Hill,	R. McGarvey,	J. N. Bennett,
J. K. Odell,	J. J. Ginader,	F. E. Pond,
A. H. M. Zahniser,	R. A. Zahniser,	F. N. Fox,
W. J. Barkas,	F. W. McClelland,	M. E. Wolcott,
J. K. Mumau,	J. F. Collins,	G. S. Bryan,
H. W. Mitchell,	E. S. Zahniser,	W. Bryenton,
G. A. Garrett,	H. D. Call,	W. E. Smith,
J. J. Kelly,	R. F. Leight,	T. S. Slocum,
E. L. Monroe,	J. C. Davidson,	W. A. Quick,
J. F. Barkas,	I. B. Hawks,	F. B. Schrinier,
F. W. Parks,	W. Gearhart,	A. J. Beattie,
L. L. Adams,		

DELEGATES

J. C. Bowman,	Mrs. Charlotte Young,	Horace Cornell,
Mrs. W. H. McClimans,	Mrs. Emma Krantz,	J. W. McDonald,
D. E. Eymer,	Mrs. Jennie C. VanValin,	Mrs. Ralph Linton.
Charles Hayes,	C. A. VanValin,	O. C. Wolcott,
Mrs. Rachel Rowe,	Martha Towner,	W. L. Kerr,
U. C. Kennedy,	D. E. Smith,	Elizabeth Long,
R. L. Fairbanks,	Mrs. L. M. Whitcomb,	C. L. Downing,
Isaac Bundy,	Mrs. C. W. Moyer,	Leroy Rennells,
M. D. Wright,	Harry Blews,	George Donahay,
C. W. Cowan,	O. N. Davis,	Mrs. A. M. Childs,
George Shrieve,	Robert McChesney,	Albert Sheriff,
J. F. Adams,	Belle Welsh,	S. M. Cook,
H. M. Foreman,	F. K. Young,	Edith Eckley,
Mrs. M. A. Hartman,	G. W. Hill,	O. N. Davidson,
Mrs. G. Kenemuth,	Edwin Butterworth,	Charles Canedy,
T. E. Livermore,	Marion Shreffler,	Edna Book,
Mrs. Emma Pees.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? William Pearce, E. S. Zahniser, J. J. Zahniser, A. J. Hill, M. B. Miller, Harry Blews, C. A. VanValin, Charles Canedy, U. C. Kennedy.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? H. N. Hepler, Samuel Stimer, W. O. Webster, H. L. Dibble.

4. Who remain on trial? W. H. McClimans, A. G. Crill, A. C. Tanner, A. J. Horner, F. A. Reese, J. L. Sutton, E. A. Archer.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? E. J. Beattie, L. L. Adams.

6. Who are the deacons? E. L. Kiffer, J. K. Mumau, G. A. Garrett, W. E. Smith, W. A. Quick, F. B. Schriener, F. W. Parks, William Gearhart, A. J. Beattie, L. L. Adams, Otto Krantz (local).

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? J. D. Shadle.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. K. Odell.

10. Who are the superannuated, or worn-out preachers? J. E. Berkheimer.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? S. Sager, to the East Ontario conference; R. M. Whitcomb, to the Columbia River conference; R. A. Robertson, to the Genesee conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical reports.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? One child of T. J. Stone, \$36.

23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Bradford,

Pennsylvania, as near the fourth Wednesday in September, 1910, as is convenient to the plans of the bishops.

APPOINTMENTS

OIL CITY DISTRICT—MENDAL B. MILLER, District Elder, 1229 Chestnut street, Franklin, Pennsylvania

Oil City and Salem.....D. B. Tobey, 312 Pine street, Oil City, Pennsylvania
 Franklin, Rocky Grove and Maple Dale.....
 W. J. Barkas, 1218 Buffalo street, Franklin, "
 W. D. Brodhead, supply.....Fourth street, Franklin, "
 Siverly and Walnut Bend.....G. A. Garrett, Hydetown, "
 Titusville and Hydetown.....F. N. Fox, May B. Fox, "
 supply, 78 West Central avenue, Titusville, "
 Pleasantville and Enterprise.....C. E. Weaver, Pleasantville, "
 Jamison and Rouseville.....F. A. Reese, R. D. 78, Titusville, "
 Hamilton and Diamond.....J. M. Critchlow, Titusville, "
 Barnes and Saybrook.....To be supplied
 Tidioute and Hickory.....A. G. Crill, Tidioute, Pennsylvania
 Tionesta, Newmansville and German Hill.....
 E. L. Monroe, Tionesta, "
 Mayburg, Kellettsville and Whig Hill...A. J. Horner, Mayburg, "
 Weavers, West Home and Coal Hill....."
 H. D. Call, R. D. 1, East Sandy, "
 Grove City, Mechanicsville and Bullion.....F. M. Correll, supply
 Warren.....G. S. Bryan, 6 Jefferson street, Warren, Pennsylvania
 Stewarts Run and Pithole.....To be supplied
 J. E. Berkheimer, superannuated, Pleasantville, Pennsylvania; R. A.
 Zahniser, supplying work in the Pittsburg conference: W. H. McClimans,
 manager of the Orphanage and Home, Gerry, New York.

NEW CASTLE DISTRICT—EDMUND S. ZAHNISER, District Elder,
 210 Imperial street, Oil City, Pennsylvania

New Castle (Arlington avenue).....
 William Bryenton, 281 Arlington avenue, New Castle, Pennsylvania
 New Castle (Dewey avenue and Euclid avenue).....
 Edward Blews, 860 Wilson avenue, New Castle, "
 Coaltown.....E. L. Kiffer, R. D. 5, New Castle, "
 Ellwood City, Keely and Mampum...A. C. Tanner, Ellwood City, "
 Argentine and Bruin.....
 W. E. Smith, Kate B. Smith, supply, Bruin, "
 Mercer, Prospect, Bethel and Sharpsville...E. A. Archer, Mercer, "
 Lester Hoover, supply.....New Castle, "
 Sharon.....J. S. M'Geary, 25 Rex street, Sharon, "
 E. S. Zahniser, member of New Castle district quarterly conference.

MEADVILLE DISTRICT—E. S. ZAHNISER, District Elder

Meadville.....J. F. Barkas, Meadville, Pennsylvania
 Centerville, Tryonville and Randolph.....
 M. E. Wolcott, Centerville, "
 Union City, Millvillage and Waterford.....
 L. L. Adams, 74 Concord street, Union City, "
 Girard and Standcliff.....W. O. Webster, Girard, "
 Erie.....H. W. Mitchell, 127 West Seventeenth street, Erie, "
 Conneaut.....H. L. Dibble, Conneaut, Ohio
 H. D. Todd, evangelist, Blooming Valley, Pennsylvania.

TYRONE DISTRICT—ALFRED J. HILL, District Elder, 111 Pearl street, Bradford, Pennsylvania

Tyrone.....	To be supplied
Juniata and Altoona.....	
.....J. C. Davidson, 1027 Cameron avenue, Tyrone,	"
Philipsburg and Gearhartville.....	T. S. Slocum, Philipsburg.
Fleming circuit.....	G. J. Kelly, Fleming.
Bellefonte.....	J. F. Collins, Bellefonte.
J. D. Shadle, discontinued, membership at Fleming, Milesburg, Pennsylvania.	

KANE DISTRICT—ALFRED J. HILL, District Elder

Kane, Lamont and Highland.....	
.....A. T. Sager, 321 Bayard street, Kane, Pennsylvania	
DuBois, Sabula and Falls Creek.....	F. E. Pond, DuBois.
Penfield circuit.....	
.....R. B. Brewster, Jane Horning, supplies, Penfield,	"
Brockwayville, Mountain, Egypt, Loleta, Zimmerman and.....	
Hallton...A. Smith, E. Butterworth, supply, Brockwayville,	"
Brookville, Alaska and Punxsutawney.....	
.....W. E. McFadden, Elizabeth Long, supplies	
Marienville and Tylersburg circuit.....	Samuel Stimer, Tylersburg, Pennsylvania
Clarion, Strattonville, Shirey, Pine City, Arthurs and Shippen-	
ville.....	J. J. Ginader, H. N. Hepler, Clarion,
S. Sager, granted a certificate of good standing in view of transfer, Buffalo, New York; R. M. Whitcomb, granted a certificate of good standing in view of transfer; J. K. Mumau, evangelist, Kane, Pennsylvania; J. K. Odell, supernumerary, West Kendall, New York.	

BRADFORD DISTRICT—JACOB J. ZAHNISER, District Elder, Port Allegany, Pennsylvania

Bradford.....	W. A. Quick, Pleasant street, Bradford, Pennsylvania
Tuna Creek and Limestone circuit.....	A. J. Beattie, Tuna Creek,
Lewis Run and Simpson.....	F. W. Parks, Lewis Run,
Duke Center and Rixford.....	W. Gearhart, Duke Center.
Eldred, West Eldred and Crosby.....	T. W. Murray, Eldred.
Port Allegany and Grimes.....	R. McGarvey, Port Allegany.
Coudersport and Seven Bridges.....	J. N. Bennett, Coudersport.
Ulysses and Harrison Valley.....	F. W. McClelland, Ulysses.
Galeton.....	R. F. Leight, Galeton.
Austin and Costello.....	J. L. Sutton, Austin.
Emporium and Truman.....	F. B. Schriener, Emporium.
Ridgway and John Wesley church.....	
.....I. B. Hawks, 306 Metoxet avenue, Ridgway.	"
Coaston.....	Gertrude G. Hamilton, R. D., Mills.
Keech.....	To be supplied

LOCAL ELDERS

Bowman, J. C...Tionesta, Pennsylvania	Richard, William, Mayburg, Pennsylv-
Grover, B. L., West Salamanca, New	vania
York	

LOCAL DEACONS

Krantz, Otto, Youngsville, Pennsylv-	Liebendorfer, E. W., Ellwood City,
vania	Pennsylvania
Lee, Samuel...Penfield, Pennsylvania	Young, F. K., Dewey avenue, New
	Castle, Pennsylvania

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

- Beattie, Mrs. A. J., Tuna Creek, Pennsylvania
 Call, Mrs. Margaret, R. F. D. 1, East Sandy, Pennsylvania
 Critchlow, Helen, City Hospital, Oil City, Pennsylvania
 Cook, Ethel, Blue Jay, West Virginia
 Dale, J. K., Liberty street, Franklin, Pennsylvania
 Dalrymple, Viletta, Oblong, Illinois
 Everhart, Mary J., 121 South Peoria street, Chicago, Illinois
 Fox, May B., Titusville, Pennsylvania
 Hamilton, Mrs. Gertrude, Mills, Pennsylvania
 Jacobs, Merrill, Seneca, Pennsylvania
 Kuhn, Mrs. Abbie, Franklin, Pennsylvania
 McClelland, Mrs. Hulda, Ulysses, Pennsylvania
 McCurdy, Mrs. Josephine, East Fourth street, Oil City, Pennsylvania
 M'Geary, Mrs. E. L., 25 Rex street, Sharon, Pennsylvania
 Massinger, Mrs. A., Meadville, Pennsylvania
 Newton, Luella, Fair View, South Africa
 Sager, Mrs. F. A., 84 Pleasant street, Bradford, Pennsylvania
 Smith, Mrs. Katherine, Bruin, Pennsylvania
 Smith, Mrs. Minnie, Dug Out, West Virginia
 Tarr, Mrs. May B., Providence, Rhode Island
 Tobey, Mrs. Jennie, Warren, Pennsylvania
 Whitford, Mrs. Susie, Franklin, Pennsylvania
 Williams, Della, West Fifth street, Oil City, Pennsylvania
 Winter, Mrs. Eva, Youngstown, Ohio
 Winslow, O. S., Brockport, Pennsylvania
 Zahniser, Donella, Oil City, Pennsylvania

LOCAL PREACHERS

- Babcock, Ernest, Union City, Pennsylvania
 Butterworth, Edwin, Victor, Pennsylvania
 Brownlee, William, Costello, Pennsylvania
 Brewster, R. B., Tylersburg, Pennsylvania
 Bliss, Austin, DuBois, Pennsylvania
 Cowan, Charles, Rex street, Sharon, Pennsylvania
 Correll, F. M., R. F. D. 5, Grove City, Pennsylvania
 Davis, O. N., R. F. D. 3, Franklin, Pennsylvania
 Davidson, O. N., Meadville, Pennsylvania
 Ellithorp, H. O., Carls, Pennsylvania
 Fry, P. W., Sharpsville, " "
 Simpson, J. W., New Castle, Pennsylvania
 Grover, Jedidiah, Clarion, Pennsylvania
 Hoshach, Henry, R. F. D., Girard, Pennsylvania
 Hoover, Lester, 76 Neshannock avenue, New Castle, Pennsylvania
 Kirby, Dawson, Strattonville, Pennsylvania
 Kunselman, Charles, DuBois, Pennsylvania
 Mitchel, G. S., Centerville, Pennsylvania
 Mowry, C. W., Sligo, Pennsylvania
 Newton, W. S., Colesburg, Pennsylvania
 Preston, H. J., New Castle, Pennsylvania
 Shutt, Frank, R. F. D., Girard, Pennsylvania
 Collins, Mrs. Kate, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania
 Franell, Lizzie, Tyrone, Pennsylvania
 Goodwin, Clara, 110 Bissell avenue, Oil City, Pennsylvania
 Hager, Mrs. P. M., Port Allegany, Pennsylvania
 Livermore, Lillian

EVANGELISTS

- Archer, Mrs. Clara R., 193 Dewey avenue, New Castle, Pennsylvania
 Bradley, Mrs. Nancy, Franklin, Pennsylvania
 Brickley, Nellie, Cherry Tree, Pennsylvania
 Crill, Lula, Pittsburg street, New Castle, Pennsylvania

EVANGELISTS—Continued

Herning, June B., Tyrone, Pennsylv- vania	Smith, Mrs. Anna, 417 East Maple avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania
Long, Elizabeth, Brookville, Pennsylv- vania	Sherwood, Nellie, Sabula, Pennsylv- vania
Mowry, Mrs. C. W., Sligo, Pennsylv- vania	Tanner, O. G., Ellwood City, Pennsylv- vania
Spotts, Mrs. Dora, Fleming, Pennsylv- vania	Zahniser, Mrs. Ellen, New Brighton, Pennsylvania
Zahniser, Mrs. Jennie, Fleming, Pennsylvania	

MISCELLANEOUS

The eleventh session of the Oil City conference convened in Kane, Pennsylv-
sylvania, September 29-October 2, 1909, Bishop William Pearce presiding.

Seven sittings were held, one on Wednesday, and two each on Thursday,
Friday and Saturday. Bishop Pearce presided in a manner that evidenced
to all that he had "the adornment of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in
the sight of God of great price." His rulings were impartial, his advice help-
ful, while his sermons were able and spiritual—much unction attending his
ministrations of the Word.

The following preachers were introduced and invited to honorary seats
in the conference: Revs. J. P. Brodhead, of the South Africa conference;
L. A. Sager, of the Genesee conference; A. A. Swanson, Courtice and Mc-
Kewan, of the Methodist Episcopal church; Sutton, of the Presbyterian
church; Newman Matthews, of the Congregational church, and Captain J. P.
Gary, of the Salvation Army.

The usual conference missionary meeting was held on Sabbath afternoon,
under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The service
was full of interest. The address of Brother Brodhead was most inspiring
and beneficial. The short sermon preached by Brother J. J. Zahniser and in-
terpreted by Brother Brodhead was attended with much of the blessing of
the Lord. The missionary money contributed by the conference through
the W. F. M. Society, notwithstanding the financial stringency of the past
year, was \$219.35 more than the previous year, not including the conference
offering, which in cash and subscriptions was over \$525.

Owing to the efforts of the pastor, J. K. Mumau, and the district elder,
J. J. Zahniser, the conference was well entertained.

The Oil City conference has much to be encouraged over and thankful
for. The statistical report showed a gain of 105 full members, the conference
claims raised in full, and several new churches and parsonages completed
or in course of erection.

The Master of assemblies was so manifestly present that there were no
unpleasant features attending this conference. From first to last everything
seemed so in divine order and spirituality so predominating that there was
no room for a spirit of censoriousness or criticism. The oldest members of
the conference pronounced this to be the largest and best session we have
ever held. To God be all of the glory.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK

In looking over the past year there are many features of our work that
are cause for devout thanksgiving to the Father of mercies who has so gra-
ciously preserved us and brought us together again with our ranks unbroken.

The temporal affairs of the conference have been encouraging. Notwith-
standing the severe financial stringency which has affected the whole country
there has been no serious falling off in our finances in any department. This

shows a commendable spirit of devotion and consecration on the part of our lay members. With a ministry who are willing to take their lives in their hands and go forth without scrip or purse, and back of them a laity who are consecrated to stand by the ministry to the last dollar, there need be no fear for the success of the work of God among us. We believe that the majority both of ministry and laity in the Oil City conference belong to the classes specified above.

The spiritual part of the work has not been without its encouraging features. From different parts of the conference during the year have come reports of revivals of religion. Some of these have been far-reaching, and, notwithstanding the tendency to refuse to take the cross and to seek an easier way, in some places a goodly number have taken their stand by the church. While the net increase of the membership throughout the conference is not sufficiently large to be a source of self-gratulation, yet there is to be found some encouragement in the fact that in the midst of the general spiritual deadness that prevails we have not only been able to hold our own, but to make some progress in the increase of our numbers.

Your committee learns with pleasure that the general meetings of the year have all been attended with much of the blessing of the Lord. The different district elders speak in an encouraging manner of the attendance and interest at these gatherings. The camp-meetings of the conference during the past year have been especially owned of God. The general sentiment seems to be that they have been better than usual.

Your committee on the one hand does not wish to present a picture more roseate than conditions would warrant, nor on the other hand to look for defects and paint a picture that will tend to discouragement; but, having taken a glance at some of the encouraging features of the year and the work, may it not be well for us to look at the other side for a few moments and see if there are not some causes for humiliation and some things in which we can improve?

Your committee is of the opinion that the spirit of worldliness is beginning to make some inroads among us. We do not think that there is any marked departure in the matter of dress, and yet there is room for a word of warning in this particular. There is not in every respect that simplicity of apparel that there should be among us. The ungainly fashions of the last few years have made it exceedingly difficult for our sisters to keep to the line of simplicity in the matter of millinery, but we think the tendency has been, in some instances at least, to yield to the pressure in this regard, and unnecessary displays of ribbon and velvet have been the result. The brethren do not face the same difficulties in the matter of dress as do the sisters, but is it not worldliness for them to follow the latest styles in cut, and colors, in suits, ties, etc.? Let us all seek the golden line of consistency in all these things.

Our people are, as a rule, more prosperous and better circumstanced temporarily than they were a few years ago. In one way this is cause for rejoicing. Nothing is too good for the saints of God, and we all rejoice in their prosperity. But this has its dangerous features. More people are overthrown by prosperity than by adversity. One who observes closely will see that among these who are thus prospering are some who show less disposition to deny themselves for the work of God than when they had less of this world. There are those among us who now own their own homes and are prospering temporarily who do not pay as much to the cause of God as they did when they were poor and lived in a hired house. There is not the spirit of hospitality among us that there was in the earlier days of our work. It is difficult in some of our largest societies to entertain one of our general gatherings. In some places one finds it difficult sometimes to find entertainment for the district elder during a quarterly meeting. These things ought not so to be. Nothing will more surely drive out the Spirit of God from among us than the prevalence to any considerable degree of this spirit of worldly-mindedness.

In some of our older societies there seems to be manifest a tendency to

settle down and be less active than in the past. There is not the aggressiveness on the part of the membership, that marked earnestness which was characteristic of the early days of our work in this part of the church. Nor is the ministry in all cases without blame in this regard. Are we not too well satisfied simply to keep up the routine without making any particular effort to enlarge our borders?

In some places there is a sad falling off in the attendance at the means of grace, especially the class-meeting. Possibly the leaders and pastors are responsible to some extent for the falling off in the attendance at the class-meetings because they have allowed these meetings to degenerate into simple testimony meetings where no definite work is done to help people in their experiences. And yet, in some places, there is a spirit of opposition to the "old-fashioned close class-meeting." If the members were followed up in the class-meetings as it was intended by the originators of these they should be, much of the time required at our general meetings to "dig out" our own membership could be employed in a general move on the works of the enemy.

These things to which attention is called are not presented in a spirit of croaking or fault-finding, but we live in a self-complacent age, and it is well for us once in a while to consider our failures that we may know where we may improve. There is abundant cause for thanksgiving, but there is also cause for contrition, humiliation and confession in view of the littleness of our attainments in our personal experiences and the meager results we see in the work of God.

II.—ON EDUCATION

It would seem almost unnecessary to record another deliverance on the subject of Education, but even here it is "line upon line." Year after year our preachers have more and more shown their appreciation of educational advantages, more and more availed themselves of good books, and more and more, proved this ability and acceptability as preachers of the everlasting gospel, and this without any diminution of spiritual power and fervor.

Many of our preachers have gathered from as many sources, at great disadvantage and arduous cost and sacrifice, and through all this have well learned the value of advantages now offered to our young men.

On this general principle our church has established a system of seminaries and schools of higher grade, diversified as to location, which are a credit to the prayers, wisdom and generosity of those who have founded them. To fall in line with all this, both in patronage and support, is wisdom; to occupy a lukewarm position in relation thereto is to suffer loss; and to oppose the same is both foolish and sinful.

The oldest established seminary within our borders is North Chili, New York. Many of our best men have, during the past thirty years, here received the educational and inspirational uplift which has all these years kept them fighting on, pressing on with their eye on the mark of their high calling. This school has recently evidenced a new vitality and fervor worthy of all its antecedents; and from a personal touch and knowledge we earnestly and urgently commend it to our people. You will make no mistake in patronizing and supporting it.

Our one college is Greenville. Step by step she has forged her present form against great odds and discouragements. In its faculty and physical equipment it stands to-day as it has never stood, and not a thing to be ashamed of. The type of education therefrom proceeding needs no apology. The spirit and character of its graduates is exceptional, and we believe unequalled.

III.—ON REFORMS

It is the duty of the Free Methodist church to hold up to the world a standard of reforms, spiritual and moral, which will lift her above a life of sin.

First, and possibly the greatest foe we have to contend with, is the ne-

farious, nefandus liquor traffic. We heartily indorse prohibition in the true sense of the word. We should not only indorse it from a political standpoint, but we believe we should teach it in church and everywhere consistent. The awful liquor habit is fastening its fangs upon our young people of to-day to an alarming extent. Many of the sons and daughters of our great republic are becoming inebriates. Sorrow and crime are on every hand. Our homes are being broken up, our girls are being betrayed and brought down to shame and prostitution. Many wives are crying for bread on account of the licensed saloon, while the saloon-keepers, living in their palatial homes with wife and daughters, are enjoying the luxuries of life. GOD SAVE OUR HOMES, should be the superscription written on the banner of every Free Methodist. Vote as we pray. Vote Prohibition, and not for local option—the CAT'S-PAW for the two great rum parties.

Second. One of the next greatest evils is the tobacco habit. We believe as a church that we maintain the right attitude against this pernicious and unnecessary evil. Therefore, we should recommend that we keep up the fight against this evil until Jesus says, "Come up higher, and walk the gold-paved streets where the fumes of tobacco, in all its odium odors, shall be scented no more."

Third. Possibly the next great school of social evil is the SECRET ORDER. It is a rare thing to find a community where one or more of these schools do not exist. The women as well as the men are being dragged into *His Magisterial Conclave*. Their children are often neglected, their husbands estranged, their homes broken up. Therefore, be it resolved that we know the dangers of the so-called society protecting, charitable(?) secret order, cry out against them and spare not.

LORD'S DAY DESECRATION.—We deplore the fact that the Lord's day is revered so little, and its desecration so universal. The Sunday newspaper, Sunday excursions, Sunday visiting, ball playing, and unnecessary labor of different kinds, deprive many of our citizens of the day of rest and worship. Therefore, be it resolved, as a church that in teaching and practise we remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Amen.

IV.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

We, your committee on Sunday-schools, respectfully submit the following report:

We are aware of the fact that it is no easy task to say anything new upon this subject; but when we consider its importance we are convinced that something should be said.

The importance of the Sunday-school is seen, first, by considering the worth of the children. Who can tell the value of these little ones for whom Christ died? If offered millions of gold for just one of them, we would look upon it with scorn. And yet do we not neglect those things that make for their salvation, and hold too tightly the means we ought to use to bring them to God? How much sin and misery might have been eliminated from the world, how many lives might have been saved to be a blessing to the world and the church, eternity alone will reveal.

The importance of the Sunday-school is seen further in the impressionable nature of the child. They have everything to learn and will take their education, largely, from actions and scenes which surround them, and have a part in framing their character. One has said, "Where anything is growing, one former is worth a thousand reformers;" and another, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Again, we see the great need in the Sunday-school in order to stem the tide of false teaching that is so prevalent at this time. It is not at all surprising that we are becoming a nation of unbelievers, when from the country editor up to the college professor, we are supplied with articles denying the divinity of our Christ, the inspiration of the Bible, future rewards and punishments, and, in fact, all the fundamental doctrines of the Bible. Many

children have no religious training at home, and if they can be brought into the Sunday-school that lack will be supplied, in part, at least. Here the child of the wicked parents first hears of God. Here he first comprehends the idea that he is accountable to God for his actions, and that there is a way of escape, that there is a Savior who can make the wounded whole.

Believing then in the importance of the Sunday-school, we would suggest the following as essential to the greatest success to their divine mission:

First, *Punctuality*. We can not insist upon this too strongly. To allow scholars to persist in coming late is to teach irreverence for God and His house, and will also encourage tardiness in life's work. The apostle exhorts us to "be not slothful."

Second, *Good order*. Success in the Sunday-school depends largely upon the pupil having a receptive mind. Confusion interferes with this desirable condition, and frustrates the object of the school. Let there be no unnecessary moving about, laughing, or whispering, which is especially noticeable in many schools during the closing exercises. Disorderly conduct in the Sunday-school means, in later years, indifferent and contemptuous men and women in church and state.

Third, *Push the work for Jesus*. Be willing to sacrifice time, ease, money and friends. Jesus is interested in this work, and will some day save and take from the Sunday-school much of the contents of His jewel box.

Fourth, *Prayer*. The Sunday-school, like all other departments of the church, must have God's blessing upon it; and in order for this there must be prayer. Pray until you pray through; pray until you feel the tremendous interests involved in the immortal souls of the children. Get the burden of these lambs upon you in your homes, then you will be able to pray with liberty and unction in the school.

Finally, *Faith*. Have unbounded confidence in God. Expect conversions in the school. God will bless your efforts and reward your faith. Though occupied with childish toys or youthful diversions they will be constrained to yield to Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." God speed our Sunday-school work.

V.—ON PUBLICATIONS

It pleased God, in the creation of man, to endow him with intelligence, moral nature, and capacity of mental development and spiritual progress. But all such development and progress does not come to one in dreams of the night, but are the outcome of diligent study and painstaking and earnest devotion to the will of God. The church recognizes and appreciates this fact, and wisely provides for her membership helpful and wholesome literature.

Let us keep in mind that first and foremost is the study of the sacred Scriptures. "Search the Scriptures" is the authoritative command of the Master. But our publications are excellent along the line of salvation and holiness. A copy of *The Free Methodist* ought to be in every home of our people, but we are sorry to say that it isn't so. Many of our people do not provide themselves and their families with that kind of reading so essential to make character, lofty aspiration, and worthy, practical life.

We heartily commend *The Earnest Christian* and *The Missionary Tidings*; also our Sunday-school publications, all of which merit our patronage. Let the ministry and laity of our church keep in right relation to God, His Holy Bible and holiness literature, and thus keep under continued inspiration to push the work of gospelizing the nations with greater zeal than ever before.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OIL CITY CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
BRADFORD DISTRICT												
Bradford.....	\$ 2 00		\$ 45 04	\$ 2 40	\$ 643 30		\$ 80 00		1	\$ 2300	1	\$ 1200
Tuna Creek, Lime House, etc.....			43 25	2 05	462 30	72	69 66		2	2000	1	1000
Lewis Run.....			35 00	93	405 25	60	50 00	5 00	1	1000	1	700
Duke Center and Rixford.....			17 48	70	412 76	50	53 00	35 60	2	1000	1	500
Eldred and West Eldred.....			19 65	1 80	400 00	84	64 01	24 00	1	2200	1	1000
Port Allegany, Grimes, Boulette		\$ 1 00	23 77	1 95	394 31	120	55 00	39 50	2	2000	1	800
Condersport, Borie, etc.....			20 00	1 30	241 00	75	37 05		2	2500	1	1500
Ulysses and Harrison Valley	1 75		36 17	1 35	478 09	72	52 13		15	1200	1	1200
Galeton.....			32 00	1 10	430 14	80	50 00	19 00	1	1500	1	600
Austin and Costello.....	1 72		16 82		299 53		40 25	28 25	1	500		
Emporium and Truman.....			27 76	1 35	283 33	100	56 13	23 00	1	1500	1	1500
Ridgway and John Wesley			47 99	2 25	400 00	216	80 64		2	4500	1	2700
Simpson.....					155 28		25 00					
Crosby.....				25			4 33					
Coaston.....			20 84		60 00		28 05					
Scattering.....							96 00					
CLARION DISTRICT												
Clarion, Arthurs, etc.....		50	6 55	1 05	237 59		47 76	5 00	2	2500		
Shirey.....		50		45	50 00		43 34	25 00	1	1500		
Kane, Lamont and Highland.....		1 00	23 00	1 45	500 00	150	59 61	20 00	1	2000	1	1000
Tylersburg and Markersville.....		57	22 63	1 56	307 86	36	75 29	1 90	3	2500	2	400
Ballton, Zimmermann and Loleta		57	25 00	1 15	600 00		43 15	25 00	2	1200		
Scattering.....												
DU BOIS DISTRICT												
Du Boies, Sabula, Falls Creek ..	50	65	31 00	1 35	400 00	100	56 00		3	6000	1	
Penfield.....			16 00	1 80	215 00	60	48 36	6 60	1	1400	1	500
Brockwayville, Mountain, etc.....			18 00	1 55	311 78		73 20	15 00	3	3550	1	300
Brookville and Punxsutawney		25	29 32	50	81 44		30 01	1 50	2	3000		
Phillipsburg and Gearhartville.....			45 95	1 90	412 65	60	52 00	4 00	1	1000	1	650
Tyrone and Altoona.....	62		18 20	90	317 10	25	28 83	46 20	1		1	300
Fleming.....			22 00	2 25	355 00		80 00	20 00	2	3500		
Bellefonte.....	1 36		48 18	85	289 74		45 00	3 00				
Scattering.....							39 27					
MEADVILLE DISTRICT												
Meadville.....			25 00	1 90	425 00		64 90	5 21	1	1500		
Randolph and Blooming Valley.....			19 07	55	86 50		26 30		1	2000		
Erie.....			34 82	95	334 05	120	65 00	30 00	1	2000	1	1000
Girard and Standcliffe.....			12 48	1 95	266 04		40 66	8 00				
Union City and Mill Village.....			5 38	55	231 10		34 87	3 66	1	1200		
Conneaut.....			15 36		83 19		19 73	5 17	1			
Scattering.....							22 36					
NEW CASTLE DISTRICT												
New Castle, Arlington Ave.....			111 75	4 10	600 00	120	110 71		1	5000	1	2500
New Castle, Dewey Ave.....		\$ 65	40 29	2 15	420 00	36	58 98	6 83	1	2000	1	1800
New Castle, Euclid Ave.....		4 17	37 40	2 55	420 00		60 66	5 64	3	4200	1	1800
Sharon.....		4 50	142 00	4 30	650 22	112	92 58	15 00	1	5000	1	1200
Mercer, Prospect, Bethel, etc.....		1 30	47 60	2 20	413 75	72	47 30		3	4000		
Ellwood City and Keely.....			135 09	2 65	450 00	120	70 86	28 00	1	1500	1	1000
Argentine and Bruin.....		1 90	59 89	2 85	433 21	120	72 90	42 93	2	6000	1	1800
Bullion												
Grove City.....												
Scattering.....							104 01					
OIL CITY DISTRICT												
Oil City.....			63 79	3 30	646 84	168	92 92	41 35	1	5000	1	2000
Franklin and Rocky Grove.....			61 25	5 40	592 50	240	103 04	113 46	1	5000	1	5000
Sively and Walnut Bend.....			20 00	1 05	351 46		40 00	34 12	2	2800		
Titusville and Hydettown.....			27 85	1 75	430 47	150	60 07	67 65	1	4500	1	2000
Pleasantville and Enterprise.....	85		60 00	2 50	256 38	60	65 00		2	2500	1	500
Jamison and Hamilton.....			30 00	1 60	430 00	12	42 06		2	2800		
Youngsville and Sugar Grove.....		1 57	34 04	2 75	432 36		89 55	27 44	1	2000	1	1800
Barnes and Saybrook.....			18 00	1 25	270 95		40 00		2	2500		
Tidiout and Hickory.....			17 62	1 90	362 09	72	40 00	25 55	3	4000	1	1200
Tionesta Newmansville, etc.....			91 93	3 75	500 00	100	90 00		1	2700	1	1600
Mayburg, Coal Hill, West Home.....			76 61	2 60	515 74	80	60 00	28 25	1	4500	1	1500
Centerville and Tryonville.....	2 08		67 23	1 75	363 48	60	45 00	18 61	3	4900	1	600
Glade Run.....			4 95	1 25	104 56		40 00		2	2000		
Stewart Run and Pit Hole.....				30	57 27		8 00					
Diamond.....			10 03	45					1	800		
Scattering.....				15					1	1500		
							115 08					
Total.....	\$ 3 97	\$ 26 14	\$ 1970 67	\$ 92 00	19219 46	2952	3958 97	\$ 850 97 82	\$ 141025 135	\$ 41950		

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OIL CITY CONFERENCE

BRADFORD, CLARION, DU BOIS AND MEADVILLE DISTRICTS

CHURCH	PREACHER	MEMBERS		PROBATIONERS		TOTAL		LOCAL PREACHERS		SUNDAY SCHOOLS		OFFICERS & TEACHERS		SCHOLARS		COPIES OF "FREE METHODIST" TAKEN		CONFERENCE CLAIM-		BISHOPS' SALARIES		CONFERENCE MIS-		GENERAL MISSIONS		CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY		DELEGATES TO GEN-ERAL CONFERENCE		FOREIGN MIS-SION-ary Con-fer-ence		WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY	
		Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claim-	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Mis-	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen-eral Conference	Foreign Mission-ary Confer-ence	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society															
BRADFORD DISTRICT	A. J. Hill, District Elder	46	3	49																													
	W. A. Quirk	37	4	41																													
	A. J. Bennett	17	1	18																													
	Tuna Creek, Lime House, etc.	15	2	17																													
	Du Bois, etc.	37	3	40																													
	Edred and West Edred	37	3	40																													
	R. W. Murray	43	14	57																													
	Port Allegany, Grimes, Route 1	20	2	22																													
	J. N. Bennett	25	5	30																													
	Condersport, Borte, Seven Bridges, etc.	16	1	17																													
	Ulysses and Harrison Valley	21	13	34																													
	A. T. Sager	31	3	34																													
	J. L. Sutton	21	13	34																													
	F. B. Schriener	28	3	31																													
Ridgway and John Wesley church	3	2	5																														
W. S. Newton	11	2	13																														
CLARION DISTRICT	Gertrude G. Hamilton, supply	32	7	39																													
	J. J. Zahniser, District Elder	13	2	15																													
	J. J. Zahniser	26	1	27																													
	Shirey	35	4	39																													
	Ka e, Lamont and Highland	2	2	4																													
	Tytersburg and Marienville	35	4	39																													
	Haltown, Zimmerman and Loleta	2	2	4																													
	T. S. Slocum	33	9	42																													
	Du Bois, Sabula and Falls Creek	34	2	36																													
	R. M. Whitcomb	35	12	47																													
	Samuel Stinner	35	8	43																													
	M. E. McFadden, supply	33	10	43																													
	Brookville and Punksutawny	18	2	20																													
	Phillipsburg and Gearville	41	10	51																													
Tyrone and Altoona	22	1	23																														
MEADVILLE DISTRICT	Fleming	41	10	51																													
	E. L. Kiffer	22	1	23																													
	J. F. Collins	35	8	43																													
	E. S. Zahniser, District Elder	35	8	43																													
	H. W. Mitchell	13	2	15																													
	Brookville and Blooming Valley	20	10	30																													
	A. C. Tanner	29	3	32																													
	M. E. Wolcott	40	4	44																													
	L. L. Adams	13	2	15																													
	Homert Dibble	13	2	15																													

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OIL CITY CONFERENCE

NEW CASTLE AND OIL CITY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER										NEW CASTLE DISTRICT																OIL CITY DISTRICT																WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY															
	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claim-ants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Mis-sions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen-eral Conference	Foreign Mission-ary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Socie-ties																																										
NEW CASTLE DISTRICT																																																										
E. S. Zahniser, District Elder																																																										
New Cast'e, Arlington Avenue.....	77		77	2	1	10	92	12	\$38.90	\$14.76	\$12.30	\$12.30	\$8.20	\$4.10		\$72.50																																										
New Castle, Dewey Avenue.....	40	10	50	2	1	8	35	9	19.35	7.74	6.45	6.45	4.30	2.15		212.23																																										
New Castle, Euclid Avenue.....	47		47	2	1	1	9	50	5	22.95	9.18	7.63	5.20	7.63	\$1.39	276.23																																										
Sharon.....	86	7	93	1	2	1	14	124	8	33.70	15.48	12.90	8.00	4.30		38.19																																										
Mercer, Prospect, Bethel, etc.....	47	16	63	1	3	10	56	10	19.80	9.92	6.60	6.60	4.40	2.20		115.00																																										
Ellwood City and Keely.....	62	11	73	2	1	3	19	121	11	23.85	9.54	7.95	5.30	2.65		97.50																																										
Argentine and Bruin.....	50	1	51		3	19	164	6	25.65	10.26	8.55	8.55	5.70	2.85		97.50																																										
Bullion.....																																																										
Grove City.....																																																										
Scattering.....																131.37																																										
OIL CITY DISTRICT																																																										
M. B. Miller, District Elder																																																										
Oil City.....	76	7	83	1	6	11	75	14	29.70	11.88	9.90	9.90	6.60	3.30		223.53																																										
Franklin and Rocky Grove.....	108	19	127	2	4	13	81	20	48.60	19.44	16.20	15.20	10.80	5.40		203.55																																										
Stevie and Walnut Bend.....	47	11	58	1	1	5	45	6	9.45	3.78	3.15	3.15	2.10	1.05		6.00																																										
Triusville and Hydrotown.....	47	11	58	1	1	10	59	8	15.75	6.30	5.25	5.25	3.50	1.75		315.18																																										
Pleasantville and Underprise.....	51	9	60	2	14	90	13	22.50	9.00	7.50	7.50	5.00	2.50	1.75		20.60																																										
Yamison and Hamilton.....	33	10	43	2	12	50	4	11	24.75	9.90	8.25	8.25	5.60	2.75		183.61																																										
Yamison and Sugar Grove.....	60	10	70	1	1	10	54	11	24.75	9.90	8.25	8.25	5.60	2.75		183.61																																										
Barnes and Saybrook.....	25	25	50	1	5	17	5	11	25	4.60			3.75	1.25		61.53																																										
Tidout and Hickory.....	35	8	43	1	3	20	5	11	33.75	13.80	11.25	10.25	7.00	3.50		103.71																																										
Tionesta, Newmansville, etc.....	83	15	98	1	3	17	140	13	35.75	13.80	11.25	10.25	7.00	3.50		103.71																																										
Mayburg, Kalleysville, Whig Hill.....	33	13	46	1	4	24	149	6	19.76	6.30	5.25	5.25	3.60	1.75		45.55																																										
Weavers, Coal Hill and West Home.....	40	6	46	1	4	16	109	8	11.25	4.50	3.75	3.75	2.50	1.25		19.25																																										
Centerville and Tryonville.....	26		26	1	1	6	17	1	3.75	3.75	2.50	2.50	1.25			46.26																																										
Glade Run.....	13	4	17	1	4	27	1	4	4.05	1.62	1.35	1.35	90	45																																												
Stewart Run and Pit Hole.....	8		8						1.35	1.35	45	30	15																																													
Diamond.....																																																										
Scattering.....																219.67																																										
Total.....																	1945	312	2257	27	36	80	494	3119	329	\$828.00	\$321.20	\$276.00	\$276.00	\$184.00	\$92.00	\$53.11	4025.94																									

GENESEE CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Fiftieth Annual Session, held at Jamestown,
New York, September 8-11, 1909

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*

JAMES H. WHEELER, *Secretary* LELAND K. MANNING, *Ass't. Secretary*

ELMER C. REBER, *Statistical Secretary* THOMAS SULLY, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Walter A. Sellow, F. M. Campbell, Clyde L. Blood, G. B. Altoft, A. H. Bennett.

On Missions—The stationing committee, C. W. Bacon, chairman.

On Reforms—J. J. Kelley, J. F. Franklin, G. B. Bancroft, Willis Kilbourn, Sophia Hornsby, Kate H. Booth.

On Church Literature—E. A. Taylor, J. H. Harmon, Simon Witmer, F. E. Willard, Marvin King.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—B. F. Hitchcock, G. B. Altoft.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Sunday-schools—G. S. Chamberlain, Clyde Davie, Emmons Johnston, Mary M. Robinson, Mary E. Green, Carrie H. Randall.

On Education—R. H. Warren, J. O'Regan, L. F. Clark, O. C. Blowers, Ella Parker, Lora Fox.

On Memoirs—W. Manning, C. D. Brooks, C. C. Eggleston.

On Railroad Reduction—Thomas Sully.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—R. Carne, G. D. Mark, E. W. Northrop, H. J. Wood.

On Nomination of Standing Committees—A. H. Bennett, C. W. Ingersoll, John A. Craine.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—C. W. Bacon, A. H. Bennett, C. W. Ingersoll, B. L. Perkins.

On Aggressive Evangelism—L. A. Sager, J. O'Regan, N. B. Martin, E. A. Taylor, F. M. Campbell, C. H. Reed.

Conference Camp-meeting Committee—C. W. Bacon, J. O'Regan, T. S. Simpson, F. M. Campbell, E. A. Taylor, A. H. Bennett.

To Prepare for Semi-centennial Celebration, August 23, 1910, on Camp-ground—C. D. Brooks, W. Manning, C. C. Eggleston.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Public Worship—Bishop of the conference, *To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—R. H. Warren.

On Missions—J. O'Regan,

On Railroad Reduction—J. H.

On Church Literature—E. A. Taylor,

Wheeler,

On Education—E. C. Reber,

On Aggressive Evangelism—L. A. Sager,

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—C. H. Reed,

On Maladministration of the Discipline—G. D. Mark,

On Sunday-schools—J. F. Franklin.

On Charities—G. M. Allen.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. H. Wheeler, president, for three years; L. K. Manning, secretary, for one year; R. H. Warren, librarian, for two years.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

C. W. Bacon, president; C. C. Eggleston, secretary; L. D. Perkins, treasurer; J. H. Harmon, M. C. Burritt.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A. K. Bacon, president and treasurer; A. H. Bennett, secretary; D. S. Damon, C. C. Eggleston, M. C. Burritt.

ADDRESSES

R. Carne, treasurer (1909-'10), 91 Adams street, Tonawanda, New York.
J. H. Wheeler, Sunday-school secretary, 75 Tenth street, Buffalo, New York.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Permanent Fund; second quarter, General Missions, Church Extension; third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; fourth quarter, Foreign and Home Missions, General Conference Delegates' Expenses.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Mary M. Robinson, president, North Chili, New York; Mrs. Lizzie M. Perkins, first vice-president, Gerry, New York; Miss Adella P. Carpenter, second vice-president, North Chili, New York; Mrs. A. M. Warren, recording secretary, 511 East Seventh street, Jamestown, New York; Mrs. Mary C. Bacon, corresponding secretary, North Chili, New York; Mrs. Millie B. Randall, treasurer, 447 Seventh street, Buffalo, New York; Miss Bertha Taylor, superintendent of Junior work, 71 Richmond street, Rochester, New York.

OFFICERS OF THE FREE METHODIST MINISTERS' MUTUAL AID SOCIETY

John O'Regan, president, 220 Potomac avenue, Buffalo, New York; L. K. Manning, secretary, Akron, New York.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. D. Brooks,	W. Manning,	*T. B. Catton,
A. A. Burgess,	C. C. Eggleston,	S. K. J. Chesbro,
W. T. Hogue,	A. H. Bennett,	J. H. Harmon,
L. D. Perkins,	J. O'Regan,	G. D. Mark,
E. A. Taylor,	C. W. Bacon,	G. M. Allen,
O. C. Blowers,	L. Barmore,	E. C. Best,
B. H. Roberts,	*N. Palmer,	J. F. Franklin,
B. Winget,	J. H. Wheeler,	N. B. Martin,

*Died during year.

PREACHERS—Continued

G. S. Chamberlain,	H. W. Rowley,	C. W. Thurber,
D. W. Steele,	W. W. Warner,	H. L. Miner,
L. K. Manning,	L. F. Clark,	G. B. Tingue,
T. S. Simpson,	F. A. Perkins,	E. C. Reber,
William Pearce,	C. H. Reed,	M. E. Ellis,
J. J. Kelley,	R. Carne,	B. F. Hitchcock,
F. M. Campbell,	R. H. Warren,	C. E. Pike,
H. J. Wood,	L. A. Sager,	L. J. Leonard,
William Newkirk,	R. A. Robertson,	H. A. Blowers.

DELEGATES

E. W. Northrop,	Mary M. Robinson,	B. W. Burritt,
Frank Cowen,	H. A. Blowers,	Sophia Hornsby,
B. L. Perkins,	Henry Sipple,	Rachel Corliss,
Kate H. Booth,	John A. Craine,	H. M. Snell,
F. E. Willard,	E. A. Johnston,	John Clement,
Ira M. Rose,	Simon Witner,	Bessie Maxwell,
Mary E. Green,	Luther Pride,	Clyde L. Davie,
Elbert Harrison,	Marvin D. King,	G. B. Altoft,
Ella Parker,	Bessie Cady,	Sarah Chamberlain,
G. B. Bancroft,	John L. Webster,	Clyde L. Blood,
William Corwin,	Emma Pinkerton,	C. W. Ingersoll,
Dora Fox,	Willis Kilbourn,	Frank Ballard,
Carrie H. Randall,	L. M. Cougar.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? Walter A. Sellew, R. H. Warren, C. W. Bacon, T. S. Simpson, A. H. Bennett, B. L. Perkins, Ira M. Rose, John L. Webster, C. W. Ingersoll.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Samuel Butcher.

4. Who remain on trial? C. L. Silvernail, Levi Ecker, George W. Garlock.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? William Newkirk.

6. Who are the deacons? G. B. Tingue, B. F. Hitchcock, C. E. Bike, L. A. Sager.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? Herman J. Wood.

8. Who have located this year? H. W. Rowley.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? C. D. Brooks, G. B. Tingue, L. Barmore, M. E. Ellis.

10. Who are the superannuated, or worn-out preachers? S. K. J. Chesbro, A. A. Burgess, L. D. Perkins, William Manning.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? R. H. Robertson, from the Oil City conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? Thomas B. Catton, Noah Palmer.

16-23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? On the ground of the conference camp-meeting, August 23-27, 1910.

APPOINTMENTS

GENESEE DISTRICT—C. W. BACON, District Elder, North Chili, New York
 Rochester.....E. A. Taylor, 71 Richmond street, Rochester, New York
 North Chili.....J. H. Harmon, North Chili, "
 Parma Center, North Parma and Clarkson....."
Carl Howland, supply, Spencerport, R. F. D. 2, "
 Brockport and West Greece....."
G. W. Garlock, Amanda Garlock, supply, Barnard, "
 Sweden and Hulberton.....William Newkirk, Bergen, R. F. D., "
 West Kendall and Kendall Mills....J. F. Franklin, West Kendall, "
 Albion.....E. C. Reber, 20 Platt street, Albion, "
 Gaines, Kenyonville and Oak Orchard....O. C. Blowers, Gaines, "
 Batavia and Alexander....G. M. Allen, 7 Linwood avenue, Batavia, "
 GreigsvilleTo be supplied

William Pearce, bishop, Titusville, Pennsylvania; S. K. J. Chesbro, superannuated; B. Winget, missionary secretary, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois; C. D. Brooks, supernumerary, Geneva, New York; W. W. Warner, left without an appointment, Discipline, paragraph 94; B. H. Roberts, evangelist, 424 Duquesne avenue, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

BUFFALO DISTRICT—JOHN O'REGAN, District Elder, 220 Potomac avenue, Buffalo, New York

Buffalo (Virginia street)...J. H. Wheeler, 75 Tenth street, Buffalo, New York
 Buffalo (Potomac avenue and Marion avenue)....."
A. H. Bennett, 177 Potomac avenue, Buffalo, "
 Akron and North Newstead.....L. K. Manning, Akron, "
 Lockport.....C. H. Reed, 35 Park avenue, Lockport, "
 Newfane and Wilson.....J. J. Kelley, Newfane, "
 Ransomville.....H. J. Wood, Ransomville, "
 Tonawanda.....R. Carne, 91 Adams street, Tonawanda, "
 Niagara Falls....L. A. Sager, 1507 Weston avenue, Niagara Falls, "
 West Falls and Colden.....L. J. Leonard, West Falls, "
 Pendleton.....D. W. Steele, Lockport, R. F. D. to Pendleton, "

W. T. Hogue, bishop, 2515 Orrington avenue, Evanston, Illinois; A. A. Burgess, superannuated, Saranac, Michigan.

ALLEGANY DISTRICT—T. S. SIMPSON, District Elder, Yorkshire, New York

Allegany and Dutch Hill.....John G. Tuxford, Allegany, New York
 Belmont, Tord's Brook and Alma....."
Samuel Butcher, Wellsville, R. F. D., "
 Bolivar.....H. A. Blowers, Bolivar, "
 East Otto, Ashford and Springville.....Levi Ecker, East Otto, "
 Elton and Yorkshire.....M. G. Cottrill, supply, Elton, "
 Perry.....L. A. Southworth, supply, Perry, "
 Franklinville.....G. D. Mark, Franklinville, "
 Rushford.....C. E. Pike, Rushford, "
 Rockville and Belfast.....G. S. Chamberlain, Rockville, "
 Johnsonburg and Union Corners....."
W. E. Freeman, supply, Johnsonburg, "
 Gainesville and Weathersfield Springs....."
C. L. Silvernail, Weathersfield Springs, "
 Wales and Town Line....John L. Webster, supply, Town Line, "

H. W. Rowley, located as per Discipline, paragraph 94, with member-

ship at Rushford, New York; G. B. Tingle, supernumerary, East Otto, New York; L. Barmore, supernumerary, Perry, New York.

CHAUTAUQUA DISTRICT—F. M. CAMPBELL, District Elder,
Ellington, New York

Jamestown....R. H. Warren, 511 East Seventh street, Jamestown, New York
Forestville and Fredonia.....H. L. Miner, Forestville, "
West Salamanca.....C. W. Thurber, West Salamanca, "
South Dayton and Leon.....B. F. Hitchcock, South Dayton, "
Ellington and East Randolph.....R. A. Robertson, Ellington, "
Gerry.....N. B. Martin, Gerry, "
Cattaraugus, New Albion and Champlain.....L. F. Clark, Cattaraugus, "
Gowanda and North Collins.....C. C. Eggleston, Gowanda, "
Collins Center and Marshfield.....F. A. Perkins, Collins Center, "

L. D. Perkins, superannuated, Gerry, New York; W. Manning, superannuated, Cattaraugus, New York; E. C. Best, left without an appointment as per Discipline, paragraph 94, Fredonia, New York; M. E. Ellis, supernumerary.

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

M. C. Burritt.....LeRoy, New York	S. D. Motter, LaSalle avenue, Niagara Falls, New York
G. W. Worthington, West Kendall, New York	J. P. Beach.....Lockport, New York
A. K. Bacon.....Albion, New York	C. Fairbanks.....Lockport, "
S. F. Mercereau, 71 Richmond street, Rochester, New York	Miss A. P. Carpenter, North Chili, New York
William Carpenter, Jamestown, New York	Mrs. Emma Holbrook, Hilton, New York
Lawrence Carlson, Jamestown, New York	Mrs. Olive T. Steele, East Otto, New York
Frank R. Ballard, Cattaraugus, New York	Mrs. Emma S. Roberts, 424 Duquesne avenue, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
Levi Luce.....Ellington, New York	Mrs. Lizzie M. Perkins, Gerry, New York
Roy Cooley....Forestville, "	Mrs. Victoria Reed, 35 Park avenue, Lockport, New York
Newton Miner, Forestville, "	Mrs. E. C. Best, Fredonia, New York
C. Wilsey.....Allegany, "	Mrs. L. F. Manning, Cattaraugus, New York
M. H. Monroe.....Allegany, "	Mrs. Amanda M. Garlock, Bernard, New York
G. B. Altoft.....Perry, "	Miss Maud Edwards, 1322 Michigan avenue, Niagara Falls, New York
A. J. Pratt.....East Otto, "	Bert Sumner....Rockville, New York
Clayton Hatfield, Weathersfield Springs, New York	
Simon Witmer, 1024 Grove avenue, Niagara Falls, New York	

MISCELLANEOUS

Revs. J. S. McGeary, R. A. Robertson, W. A. Quick, A. J. Hill, R. A. Zahniser, M. B. Miller, E. J. Monroe, W. J. Barkas, W. H. McClimans, A. T. Sager, of the Oil City conference; E. E. Shelhamer, A. Lenkard, of the Pittsburg conference; M. S. Babcock, C. H. Hudson, F. F. Shaw, of the Susquehanna conference; J. P. Brodhead, of the South Africa Mission conference; J. A. Watson, of the North Michigan conference; S. G. Bartlett, of the East Michigan conference; Carl Howland, of Greenville, Illinois; F. E. Cline, Charles Secard, of the Wesleyan Connection; T. Hammond and Presiding Elder A. J. Marring, of the United Brethren church, were introduced to the conference and were invited to honorary seats.

R. Carne was elected conference treasurer. All conference claims, including Childrens', Educational, Foreign Missions funds are to be sent to him at 91 Adams street, Tonawanda, New York.

One hundred seventy dollars in cash and subscriptions was raised for the new publishing house; about seventy dollars for the Orphanage and Home.

A memorial service was conducted on Saturday afternoon by the committee, in memory of Revs. T. B. Catton, N. Palmer, Mrs. Alma K. Pearce, Mrs. Martha A. Kelley, Brother Lewis Howe, and Mrs. Almira Fuller.

Sunday services: An excellent love-feast was held at 9 a. m., lead by T. S. Simpson; about 11 a. m. Bishop Sellew preached an inspiring sermon on "The Work of the Church." At 2:30 p. m. the bishop ordained Herman J. Wood, who had been elected to elder's orders. At 3 o'clock p. m. an interesting and powerful missionary meeting was held under the auspices of the W. F. M. S. There were addresses by Miss Effie Southworth, of India; Rev. J. P. Brodhead, of South Africa; Bishop Sellew, and Miss Mary C. Ogren, who soon goes to China. An offering was taken amounting to \$640 in subscriptions, \$117.42 in cash, and \$18.66 in cash for a gun for J. P. Brodhead.

Several pulpits in the city were filled during the day by members of the conference.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The total amount of conference claims are deficient \$14.76. This was covered by a free-will offering taken at the time of the report.

Balance on hand, September, 1908, \$6.57; interest credited in bank, 1909, \$6.11; postage and supplies, \$4.27; balance in general fund on hand, \$8.41.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES' EXPENSES.—Received during 1907, \$63.48; received during 1908, \$64.04; received during 1909, \$65.40; total, \$192.92.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.—William Manning, \$150; A. A. Burgess, \$150; Ruth E. Bacon, \$150; Mary M. Robinson, \$150; Lucinda E. Brown, \$150; Adelia A. White, \$150; Gertrude Phillips, \$30; Mrs. Amelia Palmer, \$90; Marcia Southworth, \$80.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS.—M. G. Cottrill, \$20; G. W. Garlock, \$15; F. A. Perkins, \$25; William Newkirk, \$25; L. A. Sager, \$50; O. C. Blowers, \$20; William Freeman, \$25; G. D. Mark, \$15; D. W. Steele, \$20; L. J. Leonard, \$25; Samuel Butcher, \$15; R. A. Robertson, \$20; and \$52 to be divided equally between the district elders, to be used on their districts, and report concerning the same to the next conference session. The conference ordered an amount equal to twenty cents a member raised for conference missions the coming year.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—Balance interest on hand at close of last year, \$41.53; received from Stevens' legacy, \$55; interest on Marion avenue church mortgage, \$30; from savings bank, \$76; total, \$202.83. The board advised and the conference ordered the following disbursements: Mrs. Amelia Palmer, \$50; Mrs. Mary M. Robinson, \$25; Mrs. Ruth Bacon, \$25; Mrs. Lucinda Brown, \$25; William Manning, \$25; L. R. Perkins, \$13; A. A. Burgess, \$13; Mrs. Adelia White, \$13; Mrs. Marcia Southworth, \$13. Balance on hand, 83 cents.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON MEMOIRS

REV. THOMAS B. CATTON, a member of the Genesee conference of the Free Methodist church, was born in a suburb of the city of York, called Catton, April 7, 1826, and died in Perry, New York, June 27, 1909, at the age

of eighty-three years. In his young manhood Brother Catton was quite skeptical, and because Christians in his native land were urging him to seek salvation, in 1849 he came to this country. On the first night of his arrival in Perry he stayed at the home of Brother Handly, who asked him in the evening to join them in family worship. He found there were many lively Christians here, such as he escaped from in England. But he resisted all their entreaties for a time. During a powerful revival in Castile he obtained the divine change of heart, and was "turned into another man." He joined the Methodist Episcopal church in Perry. In the year 1858 the noted conference of that church was held in Perry, during which B. T. Roberts and Joseph McCreery were expelled, and other holiness preachers were crowded to location. This action of the said conference seemed so unjust and outrageous that hundreds of the lay members of the church felt keenly the unrighteousness of the expulsion, that a layman's convention was called to meet in Albion, New York, in which about two hundred resolved to withhold support from the Mason preachers that were doing this bad work. Brother Catton was among the number who took that stand. His Masonic pastor at one time read out the names of forty-one members as having withdrawn from the church. Brother Catton did not propose to lose his membership in that way. He called for a trial which was granted, and twice he defeated them and then withdrew from the church.

He helped to shape the polity of the Free Methodist church, and became one of its faithful ministers. For seven years he served in the ranks of itinerancy, serving on the following circuits: LeRoy, Yorkshire, Belmont, and Rushford, from 1867 to 1874.

He was twice married: first to Miss Sarah Hill. To this union were born two daughters and one son, who, together with his second wife, Mrs. Delia Jeffers Catton, survive him to mourn their great loss.

Brother Catton was a man of strong personality, firm in his convictions of what was right and proper, the kind of a man to stand for righteousness and truth if he had to stand at all.

REV. NOAH PALMER departed this life at Rushford, New York, September 21, 1908. He was born in the town of Hamburg, Erie county, New York, May 21, 1838. Brother Palmer was one of those characters of whom it was, or at least may have been said, "as unknown and yet well known." He was a man of God, yea, a man after God's own heart. Some men's lives we count by years, others by deeds. An acquaintance of twenty-five or more years gives us a very high estimate of his true Christian character with which he was richly endowed. His associations with the conference ripened into warmest friendship, and we may say in behalf of all our brethren in the ministry, as they will bear witness, that to meet was but to greet him in bowels of fellowship and true Christian love.

His consistent life preached sermons that will never be forgotten, and even now he being dead yet speaketh. His texts were not infrequently of such character as to awaken a desire on the part of the hearers as to what the discourse could possibly be. His originality was unlike any other and his manner was impressive indeed. His zeal for God and his devotion to the cause of the Master kept him long in the service when many others would have fainted by the way. Open doors and fields of usefulness were always inviting him to enter and occupy. His life was prolonged beyond our expectation, when at last he was suddenly called from labor to reward. His genial nature we all admired, his pleasantries we all enjoyed, and his true affection we all shared. But the Lord has called him to Himself, and to his eternal reward. "Forever with the Lord. Amen; so let it be."

MRS. ALMA K. PEARCE departed this life for the life eternal, at North Chili, New York, October 3, 1908, as a result of the tragic accident which occurred about three weeks prior to her decease, while on her way home from the Genesee annual conference of the Free Methodist church, which was

held at Ransomville, New York. When riding in a carriage and near the home, the horses became frightened and she was thrown with great violence to the ground, sustaining such terrible injuries as resulted in three weeks of the most excruciating pain and distress. So intense was this suffering that when the struggle was ended, there came a sigh of relief to those who had so tenderly and patiently cared for her. Well may we seek for succor in the word of Him who said, "What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter."

Her brief life among us had been hid with Christ in God, as to prove to be a lasting benediction to those with whom she was associated. The depth of this mysterious providence, who can fathom? Wisely hath God declared, "My ways are not your ways."

Her many excellent virtues were not a veneer, but they sprung from the innermost recesses of a heart adjusted to the will divine. What the final fruitage of such a life will be we may not possibly conceive. Her kindly disposition was a grace of rare excellence. We shall cherish her memory and hope to meet her again "Just inside the Eastern Gate." To us it seems she passed through water and also through the flood, and again through fire, and all under the blood. She is gone to join the blood-washed on the other shore.

MRS. MARTHA ALDRICH KELLEY, deceased wife of Rev. J. J. Kelley, was born at Hamburg, New York, April 23, 1846, and departed for her home above April 15, 1909. For several years Sister Kelley had been suffering from a bronchial trouble, which during the past winter developed into tuberculosis, terminating her earthly life on the above date.

She was converted at the age of sixteen. She obtained the experience of full salvation at the camp-meeting held at Forestville, New York, in 1879. She was a charter member of our church at Fredonia. In spirit Sister Kelley was frank, courageous, sincere, and sacrificing. Our church at Fredonia stands as a monument of her liberality.

Because of her pronounced convictions and her loyalty to the same she often was the subject of persecution, yet never allowed this to so dishearten as to cause her to abandon her pilgrim journey, as she continued to work by the same rule and to mind the same things.

Shortly before her departure she exhorted her sorrowing companion to devote his time and energies to the preaching of the gospel of the Lord Jesus. Though a great sufferer during her last illness, yet she was supported by the One whom she had learned to trust, and was kept by the power of God through faith, and was enabled to triumph over all, and we believe entered into rest a conqueror. In this his great bereavement our sympathy to our dear brother, a co-laborer, Rev. J. J. Kelley, is hereby sincerely extended, and we trust he may be divinely sustained.

LEWIS HOWE, a charter member of Free Methodism and of the Albion society, died March 26, 1909, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years, in the full triumphs of faith. For over twenty-five years he was class-leader. His cheering testimonies encouraged many, and his memory shall prove an inspiration for years to come.

MRS. ALZIRA FULLER, also a charter member of the Albion society, died June 26, 1909, aged eighty-seven years, and has her former vision in blessed reality in that she is safe in heaven and robed in white.

II.—ON REFORMS

As a Christian organization we stand opposed to all forms of evil, and pledge ourselves to aid all reforms that will be a blessing to humanity, and advance the kingdom of God.

We are still opposed to secret, oath-bound societies, and consider them detrimental to the spiritual well-being of men.

The Roman Catholic church we deem the same old fox she has always been, cunning and crafty, the foe of true freedom. We advise our members to avoid entering into the marriage relation with her adherents.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—It is with much regret we notice the growing change of attitude of some among us regarding the Sabbath day. Many have turned God's holy day into a holiday. Instead of attendance on the means of grace they go from their homes visiting or receiving visitors. Unnecessary Sunday traveling by railroad or street cars should be discouraged. The Sunday newspaper which has taken the place of the Bible and religious literature in some homes, ought to be discontinued. Worldly pleasure is sometimes indulged to excess. Family prayer and blessing at the table are often omitted lest they offend their unconverted friends. Such people seldom or never go to prayer meeting. We must always remember that carelessness regarding the proper observance of the Sabbath invariably tends to spiritual dearth and death.

IRREVERENCE.—The spirit of irreverence seems to be growing among us in some places, and is most notable in the house of God. Unnecessary loud talking is becoming common, and often boisterous laughter is indulged in. Though the church of Rome is to be dreaded, she can teach the Protestant world some lessons, and reverence for their place of worship is one. The house of God is no place for visiting, planning, bargaining, or trafficking which is sometimes the case. Parents ought to take care to set their children an example of respect for the sanctuary by precept and practise.

DISCIPLINE.—Government by our Discipline should be the only rule among us. Deviation from and sometimes independence of it is becoming a serious matter. Those who soar above it should have their wings clipped by it. Church members have rights that demand respect. Pastors have no right to withhold requested letters from proper subjects simply because he is going to conference and does not like to report a few members less. In justice to members and in fairness to pastors' successors, preachers should grant such letters before going to conference. To guard against future trouble, official boards should be assured that probationers who are members of secret societies have actually withdrawn from them before recommending them as suitable persons to be received into full connection.

PROHIBITION.—As a conference, as heretofore, we are in hearty accord with the principles of Prohibition; but to the spirit of some of its advocates we take exception. They would deny us the right, as individuals, to unite with organizations not to their liking in opposing the liquor traffic. We claim the right as individuals to support any means that tends to weaken or destroy the saloon, also the right to coöperate with any organization in its fight against that enemy of all righteousness and destroyer of man.

EVIL-SPEAKING.—If the advice to Christians in James 4:11, "Speak not evil one of another, brethren," was in universal practise among us, there would be no need of reform on this kind of tongue movement. We call attention to the sin of slander. Sometimes members talk to new pastors about their old pastors in ways that tend to discourage. When such are reproved, or find they have failed to prejudice, they carry to the old pastor the bone the new refused, and too often succeed in making the slandered pastor believe his successor has cruelly criticized him. Let pastors beware of dogs that carry bones and they will safeguard themselves against many a bite. While the laity is guilty of slander to little or much extent, the clergy is not entirely free from it. No minister ought to be found among us who would, tip-toe while he whispers in another's ear with intent to hurt his brother. It is to be hoped this conference does not hold within its bounds a minister, or a layman, who would prove himself ready to enter into any alliance for the purpose of carrying into effect a plan that may cause a brother minister to take his exit from among us.

III.—ON CHURCH LITERATURE

As a conference we are deeply interested in the publications of the church. Our ministry has no auxiliary equal to our papers, periodicals and books in spreading scriptural holiness and in building up the kingdom of God.

We lament the fact that *The Free Methodist* is not taken in many of the homes of our people, and in some instances other religious papers are substituted in its place because they are larger and cheaper.

We recommend that those of experience and ability among us contribute more good original matter to its columns, especially to the holiness department, and that all our ministers endeavor to increase its circulation and thus enable our publishers to improve and enlarge the official organ of the church.

The Earnest Christian which for many years has been a power for good, and which has recently become the property of the church, should have a wide circulation among our people; also the papers devoted especially to the missionary cause.

We are highly pleased with our clean and ably written Sunday-school literature and believe it the best on the market. The *Light and Life* lesson helps should be used in all our schools, and our Sunday-school papers should predominate at least.

We commend the books published and sold by our publishers, and urge all our people to patronize their own publishing interests in preference to others.

The substantial and commodious publishing house lately completed in the city of Chicago is a credit to the denomination and will be a perpetual fountain from which will flow streams of pure literature to bless and save humanity. We urge all our people who have not done so, to contribute liberally toward liquidating the indebtedness incurred by its erection.

IV.—ON EDUCATION

The primary object of all education is to fit mankind for usefulness. Knowledge is a fundamental part of the equipment for service. The need of culture and broadly educated men was never greater than it is to-day. The desire for intellectual attainment was never more intense, and the means for satisfying it never more abundant and adequate than at the present time. A liberal education, however, does not consist alone in a knowledge of the arts and sciences, but also in the knowledge of ourselves and of our relations to God, to our fellow man, of the objects of life, and its destiny.

The growing tendency of the age is toward a total ignoring of moral training and soul culture. In our modern educational system there is not only the absence of piety and religious training, but there is present the spirit of irreligion and destructive criticism of the Bible, if considered 'at all'; or, as Harold Bolce says in his articles in the May and June *Cosmopolitan* as "Blasting at the Rock of Ages." Many of our young people get their first lessons in infidelity in our high schools and colleges. As a rule, the student, while at school, forms opinions and gathers ideas which abide through life. The early impressions are the strongest and sink deeper into the nature. The greatest need of the present age, therefore, is "education for character." We do not need less knowledge but more religion; not less culture, but more piety.

The schools that combine Christian training with intellectual culture are by far the safest places for our young people. That man who does not see the need of distinctly Christian schools is either short-sighted or else is ignorant of the dangers of the poisoned atmosphere which those who attend the secular schools of higher learning must constantly breathe.

We jeopardize the eternal interests and welfare of our young people when we place them before instructors who make it their business to strike at the very foundation of our Christian faith. The seal of divine approval

is upon our denominational schools. This is manifest in the fact that we have seven seminaries and one splendid college, and that these have lived and continue to live, in spite of almost insuperable obstacles; and also in the fact that there go out from the halls each year a noble company of sanctified young people. We as a church have a right to entertain great hopes for these institutions of learning, but let us also take great care that they be not merely Christian in name, but centers of great spiritual power, giving our young people the highest conception and ideals of Christian life. Let us rally especially to the school within our borders—the A. M. Chesbrough Seminary—with both our prayers and financial support. The present and most pressing need there is a new dormitory. That this may soon be realized, and that a great revival that shall call out ministers and missionaries and efficient lay workers among our young people may come to all our educational centers, let us labor and pray.

V.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

Jesus said, "Suffer the children, and forbid them not to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." "And He took little children in His arms and blessed them."

Children are a heritage from the Lord; and no church can expect a continued existence unless some provision is made for retaining the children that come within the circle of her activities.

Under the Old Testament economy, responsibility for the religious training of the children was placed upon those who were at the head of families. They were enjoined to diligently instruct them. We do not believe that the divine plan in this matter has been changed, or that it can be improved upon; and we deplore the fact that in many of our homes the parents are altogether too remiss in the discharge of this duty.

We also recognize the fact that no effort on the part of the church can make good the loss sustained by this neglect; however, we believe that much good can be accomplished by the Sunday-school, and that there is a great need in the world to-day for earnest effort along the lines of Sunday-school work.

As a church we should devote sufficient time and attention to the Sunday-school to make it a means of reaching and saving many children.

In the matter of Sunday-school equipment we should ever bear in mind that there is no factor so potent for good, and so powerful in drawing the children to Christ, as the lives and testimonies of holy men and women. We should take great care that in our zeal for Sunday-school work, and our multiplied appliances for carrying on the same, we do not suffer a decline spiritually, or lose sight of the end for which we labor, namely, the salvation of the children.

No fountain can rise higher than its source, so the religious life of the young people is not likely to exceed that of the church from which it springs.

In order that the Sunday-school may be made more efficient, we especially urge that all our preachers and adult members interest themselves in the work. We regret that in many instances our preachers neglect to preach on the subject of Sunday-school work as required by the Discipline, and that many of our adult members are rarely found in the Sunday-school sessions; and we urge that effort be made to improve in this respect.

On the matter of Sunday-school literature, we should ever remember that the Word of God is still in the lead, and we deem it a most excellent practise to encourage our children to memorize scripture verses so far as possible.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GENESEE CONFERENCE

GENESEE, BUFFALO, ALLEGANY AND CHAUTAUQUA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
GENESEE DISTRICT												
							\$708 80					
Rochester.....	\$ 6 38		\$ 41 00	\$ 3 15	\$ 526 73	\$300	112 52	\$ 9 00	1	5000	2	\$ 6000
North Chili.....			24 24	1 95	405 10	100	56 95		1	2500	1	1800
Parma Center and Clarkson.....			43 00	3 10	365 13	50	65 17	50 00	2	5000	1	2000
W. Greece, N. Parma, Brockport.....			29 10	1 50	405 40		56 61	49 87	3	3200	1	1000
Sweden.....	1 00		14 10	75	78 19	25	23 14		1	1500	1	900
West Kendall, Kendall Mills, etc.....	5 10		95 74	3 75	488 00	150	96 89	63 88	3	6200	1	1500
Albion.....	6 13		67 72	4 85	500 00	150	110 77	70 20	1	9000	1	2400
Gaines, Kenyonville, etc.....			23 27	2 15	300 00	100	46 67		2	3000	1	1000
Alexander and Greigsville.....					97 72	80	8 27	4 55				
Batavia.....			24 00	1 25	310 00	100	32 00		1	2200	1	1800
D. Q. M. and camp-meeting.....							100 71					
BUFFALO DISTRICT												
							695 07					
Buffalo, Virginia St.....	\$ 6 15		73 06	3 70	621 46	216	106 08		1	11000	1	3500
Buffalo, Potomac and Marion.....			100 00	3 40	528 00	180	90 58	42 00	2	6100	2	3900
Akron and North Newstead.....	2 81		46 96	2 30	420 65	150	44 00	10 00	1	2000	1	1800
Lockport.....			55 00	2 95	591 79	150	65 15		1	5500	1	1500
Newfane and Wilson.....			14 63	1 55	281 20	100	30 62	26 15	2	3000	1	2500
Pendleton.....	2 75		21 71	75	254 54	60	29 84	7 45	1	2500	1	500
Ransomville.....	2 50		28 07	2 70	500 00	100	55 19	10 50	1	3000	1	2500
Tonawanda.....	1 00	1 64	71 21	2 30	550 00	150	66 00	18 16	1	5400	1	2000
Niagara Falls.....	1 00		55 84	1 40	300 00	132	51 27	12 87	1	3350	1	1500
West Fall and Colden.....	81	3 53	9 55	80	119 65		26 13		1	1000		
D. Q. M. and camp-meeting.....							130 51					
ALLEGANY DISTRICT												
							625 49					
Allegheny and Dutch Hill.....			7 00	1 50	190 00	60	28 04	6 00	2	2000	1	1000
Belmont, Ford Brook, etc.....			5 00	85	300 00		32 00	3 00	2	2500	1	800
Bolivar.....	1 40		57 74	85	350 00	75	30 00		1	2000	1	1200
East Otto, Ashford, etc.....	83	71	11 17	1 85	300 00	75	42 96	13 45	1	1300	1	1100
Elton and Yorkshire.....			28 01	2 70	340 08	25	52 06	13 10	2	1800	2	1600
Perry.....	2 00	1 51	90 33	2 80	576 61	150	65 59	15 00	1	2500	1	2500
Franklinville.....	2 20		14 07	1 25	320 90	96	26 50		1	2000	1	1200
Rushford.....	2 09		17 51	2 10	408 07	50	48 53		1	2000	1	1000
Rockville and Belfast.....			9 41	1 10	190 00		32 82		1	1000		
Johnsonburg, Union Corners.....			11 54	70	241 02	60	25 56		2	2000	1	500
Gainesville, Weathersfield Spr.....			16 79	2 10	344 66	36	34 03		2	2600	1	500
Wales and Town Line.....			13 69	1 10	75 00		52 20		2	2200	1	500
D. Q. M. camp-meeting.....							155 26					
CHAUTAUQUA DISTRICT												
							604 31					
Janestown.....	7 00		181 26	3 85	665 00	150	100 25	42 05	1	10000	1	2000
Forestville and Fredonia.....			18 42	2 10	300 00	75	45 90		2	3400	1	900
West Salamanca, Red House.....			13 73	80	219 10	60	40 04		1	1000	1	800
South Dayton, Leon, Cherry Ck.....			16 45	1 70	325 55	75	48 40	7 40	2	2500	1	1000
Ellington and East Randolph.....			11 29	2 10	400 89		44 37		1	1000	1	500
Gerry.....	2 00		61 09	3 55	475 00	75	63 14	7 00	1	1700	1	1000
Cattaraugus, New Albion, etc.....			36 00	1 85	322 38	96	42 70		2	2200	1	1000
Gowanda and North Collins.....				60			20 64		2	3500	1	1000
Collins Center and Warshfield.....	3 00		34 00	1 40	371 82	50	24 00		2	1500	1	850
D. Q. M. camp-meeting.....							154 97					
Total.....	\$13 24	\$51 75	\$1493 43	\$81 15	14359 68	3461	2633 67	\$ 491 63	69	\$1315041	41	\$42 50

*\$196.90 was received by William Pearce, who was elder during first quarter.

The Junior societies raised for foreign missions, \$213.56.

Raised at conference, in cash, to purchase a gun for J. P. Brodhead, \$18.66.

Raised at conference in subscriptions for foreign missions, \$650.00.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GENESEE CONFERENCE

ALLEGANY AND CHAUTAUQUA DISTRICTS,

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodists" Taken	Conference Claim and Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missionaries	General Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
ALLEGANY DISTRICT	T. S. Simpson, District Elder																
Allegany and Dutch Hill	D. W. Steele	30	2	32	1	1	4	15	10	13 50	5 40	9 00	4 50	3 00	1 20	.....	12 00
Belmont, Ford Brook, Alma Hill	S. Ritcher, supply	17	1	18	1	1	23	128	7	7 65	3 00	1 20	2 55	1 70	68	.....	19 17
C. Leckert, supply	C. Leckert, supply	37	1	38	1	2	18	20	11	16 65	3 00	3 40	2 55	1 70	68	1 66	.....
Boitar, Ashford and Springville	G. M. Allen	59	10	69	1	2	15	92	14	24 30	9 72	6 66	8 10	5 40	2 16	3 31	62 21
Elery and Yorkshire	R. Carne	51	8	59	1	1	15	66	16	25 20	10 08	11 20	8 40	5 60	2 34	37 50	117 92
Franklinville	G. D. Mark	25	2	27	1	1	9	25	7	11 25	4 50	5 00	3 75	2 50	1 00	3 02	8 06
Roskoff	C. E. Pike	41	4	45	1	7	45	12	18 90	7 56	8 40	3 60	6 30	4 30	1 68	7 00	38 12
Rockville and Belfast	G. S. Chamberlain	21	1	22	1	2	15	25	7	9 30	3 52	2 80	2 10	1 40	88	.....	.....
Johnsonburg and Union Corners	W. Newkirk	15	1	16	2	2	16	68	6	6 30	2 80	4 40	3 00	2 20	88	.....	.....
Gainesville, Weathersfield Springs	C. L. Silvernail	45	4	49	1	1	12	46	7	18 90	8 40	8 40	5 30	4 20	1 88	19 00	.....
Wales and Town Line	J. L. Webster, supply	23	1	24	1	1	4	29	7	9 90	3 56	4 40	3 30	2 20	.....	46 00	.....
CHAUTAUGUA DISTRICT	A. H. Bennett, District Elder																
Jamesstown	F. M. Campbell	84	10	94	2	1	14	209	25	34 65	13 86	15 40	11 55	7 70	3 08	.....	104 79
Forestville and Fredonia	H. L. Miner	41	1	42	2	1	12	42	9	13 90	7 56	8 40	6 30	4 20	1 64	.....	22 18
West Salamanca and Red House	L. J. Leonard	34	3	37	1	1	18	30	8	15 30	6 12	8 00	7 10	3 40	1 36	.....	.....
South Dayton, Leon, Cherry Creek	E. J. Hitchcock	32	3	35	1	1	7	30	14	19 90	7 52	8 40	6 30	4 20	1 68	2 16	67 30
Ellington and East Randolph	R. H. Robertson	73	10	83	1	1	17	130	25	31 95	13 78	14 30	10 65	7 70	2 84	.....	232 61
Gerry	N. F. Clark	35	9	44	1	2	12	60	12	16 65	6 66	7 40	6 55	3 70	1 48	.....	66 27
Cattaraugus, North Collins, etc.	F. A. Perkins	11	1	12	1	2	15	90	8	5 40	2 16	2 40	1 80	1 20	1 12	.....	8 60
Collins Center and Marshfield	F. A. Perkins	22	7	29	1	2	16	90	8	12 60	5 04	5 60	4 20	2 80	1 48	2 24	.....
Total		1644	210	1854	23	12	416	2544	385	\$ 733 67	\$ 293 24	\$ 322 29	\$ 244 37	\$ 153 00	\$ 65 18	\$ 189 60	1477 43

PITTSBURG CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-seventh Annual Session, held at Chester,
West Virginia, October 6-9, 1909

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COMMITTEES

On Nominations—A. D. Zahniser, Albert Wilson, J. B. Easton, C. H. Miller,
J. F. Silver, Oliver Gornall, J. C. King.

On Public Worship—William Pearce, Albert Wilson, Sarah Howard.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—J. N. McKim.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—W. G. Long, H. W. Armstrong,
N. L. Smith, W. W. Spiker, J. H. Whiteman.

On Conference Missions—The stationing committee.

On Education—A. D. Zahniser, J. P. Foy, C. H. Miller, G. B. Lambert.

On Sabbath-schools—J. H. Whiteman, J. C. Rose, Samuel Bullock.

On Publications—Albert Wilson, D. W. Rose, Isaac Wakefield.

On Reforms—H. A. Baldwin, R. H. Bentley, J. W. VanGilder.

On Memoirs—J. F. Silver, A. D. Zahniser, J. B. Easton, Albert Wilson, G. B.
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On Ministerial Relations—A. D. Zahniser, J. B. Easton, Albert Wilson, G. B.
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On Conference Claimants and Claims—William Pearce, A. D. Zahniser, J. F.
Silver, H. L. Abbott, M. S. McNeese.

On Reporting for the Press—H. L. Abbott.

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On Publications—T. R. Wayne, *On Education*—Oliver Gornall,
On State of the Work—Albert Wilson.

FINANCE

Oliver Gornall, treasurer, Vandergrift Heights, Pennsylvania; J. G. McConnell, auditor.
 J. G. McConnell, 1907 Birdella street, West End, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, treasurer of the fund arising from subscriptions for the widow of J. N. Grace. The subscriptions are payable monthly.

SPECIAL

Sabbath-school Secretaries—T. R. Wayne, for that part of the conference which comprises the Rochester and Pittsburg districts; J. H. Whiteman, for the remaining part of the conference.
Tent Committee—A. D. Zahniser, president; H. A. Baldwin, secretary; Oliver Gornall, treasurer; J. F. Silver, Albert Wilson, J. B. Easton, D. J. Baker, William Hodge, Miller Flocker, E. E. Harford, J. W. VanGilder.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions, 15 cents; Church Extension, 10 cents; On Delegates' Expenses to General Conference, 10 cents; second quarter, Bishops' Fund, 18 cents; Permanent Fund, 5 cents; balance on Delegates' Expenses to General Conference, 7 cents; third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund, 45 cents; fourth quarter, Conference Missions, 15 cents; Evangelists' Fund, 5 cents.

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President, Miss Laura Lamb, Stauffer, Pennsylvania; first vice-president, Mrs. A. D. Zahniser, 401 Morewood avenue, Blairsville, Pennsylvania; second vice-president, Mrs. Alma Miller, 515 Hawkins avenue, Braddock, Pennsylvania; treasurer, Mrs. H. L. Speer, 318 Stoner avenue, McKeesport, Pennsylvania; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. B. Easton, 48 Cresson street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; recording secretary, Mrs. D. W. Rose, 649 Brown avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

Jeremiah Barnhart,
 A. D. Zahniser,
 J. B. Easton,
 A. F. Faust,
 Albert Wilson,
 W. W. Spiker,
 D. G. Shirer,

R. H. Bentley,
 T. R. Wayne,
 H. A. Baldwin,
 J. F. Silver,
 W. G. Long,
 C. W. Stamp,
 C. F. Johnston,

W. A. Sellow,
 E. E. Shelhamer,
 L. C. Andre,
 H. L. Speer,
 Adam Lenkerd,
 Benjamin Hosbach,
 J. H. Whiteman,

PREACHERS—Continued

J. P. Foy,	F. W. Boettner,	R. N. Large,
G. L. Coughron,	Oliver Gornall,	C. H. Miller,
J. W. McIntosh,	F. E. Glass,	D. W. Rose,
H. H. O'Bryon,	J. N. McKim,	Oliver Atkinson,
H. W. Hodge,	L. N. Campbell,	N. L. Smith,
W. B. Harris,	H. W. Armstrong,	C. I. Schroder.

[Women evangelists having a seat in this conference—Laura Lamb, Sarah Howard, Elizabeth Stewart.]

DELEGATES

Ferris Chippe,	A. L. Wallace,	Iva McWilliams,
Lloyd Page,	Agatha Kelley,	Claire Richardson,
J. C. King,	M. S. McNeese,	Isaac Wakefield,
J. W. Armstrong,	J. M. McCracken,	Permella Shall,
Sarah Whiteman,	Josiah Cusick, Jr.,	Harriet Skelton,
David J. Baker,	Harriet Neville,	Thomas Cisco,
Samuel Bullock,	C. E. Anthony,	Samuel Fish,
W. H. S. McGraw,	Grany Funk,	Olive Mahan,
H. L. Abbott,	Albert Finley,	Albert Arthur,
James McKim,	J. W. VanGilder,	Emma Sturm,
Elizabeth Long,	G. B. Lambert,	Harry Ridenour,
Louis Bandimer,	Charles Cookerly,	Mrs. M. E. Cooper,
Mrs. A. R. Graham,	Mrs. L. B. Jeffries,	Mrs. Ella Martin,
T. A. Cunningham,	W. A. Rambo,	Robert Burleigh,
Henry Leightner,	Rebecca Dawson,	Miles Cashdollar.

2. Who are the stationing committee? William Pearce, J. B. Easton, Albert Wilson, A. D. Zahniser, J. F. Silver, C. H. Miller, H. W. Hodge, H. L. Abbott, M. S. McNeese, J. C. King, G. B. Lambert, Lloyd Page, James McKim.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? M. F. Shaffer.

4. Who remain on trial? E. L. Garrow, E. R. Smith, J. R. Main, A. L. Duncan, J. C. Rose, R. B. Campbell, E. E. Finley, W. I. Smith.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? C. I. Schroder.

6. Who are the deacons? Benjamin Hosbach, G. L. Coughron, R. N. Large, H. H. O'Bryon, J. N. McKim, Oliver Atkinson, W. B. Harris, L. N. Campbell, *C. I. Schroder.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? N. L. Smith.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. R. Main.

10. Who are the superannuated, or worn-out preachers? Jeremiah Barnhart, F. E. Glass, D. G. Shirer.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference? E. M. Adair, probationer, under censure.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was passed, with one exception.

*Ordained this year.

15. Who have died this year? J. N. Grace.
- 16, 17, 18, 19, 20. See statistical report.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? F. E. Glass, \$70; Mrs. Lydia A. Grace and five children, \$140.
- 22, 23. Not asked at this session.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Vandergrift Heights, Pennsylvania, as near the third Wednesday in September, 1910, as can be arranged by the bishops.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-seventh annual session of the Pittsburg conference was held in the Free Methodist church at Chester, West Virginia, October 6-9, 1909. Seven sittings were held, one on Wednesday, one on Thursday, two on Friday and three on Saturday. On account of special services several sittings were very short.

That Bishop Hogue could not be with us as presiding officer was universally regretted, and a committee was appointed to write him a letter expressing our sympathy in his affliction, and assuring him of our continued prayers. Bishop William Pearce presided with ability. His meek spirit, his executive ability, his fair and impartial rulings, and his able and spiritual sermons endeared him to all.

The following persons were introduced to the conference and invited to honorarary seats: Rev. J. P. Brodhead, of the South Africa Mission conference; Mrs. Jarvis K. Wilson, representing the Gerry Orphanage and Home; Rev. Albert King, of the Pentecost Bands; Rev. A. D. Mink, of the First Methodist Episcopal church of East Liverpool, Ohio; Rev. J. W. Dunbar, of the Presbyterian church of Chester, the seat of the conference.

An impressive and touching memorial service was held on Friday. Many precious tributes were offered in memory of our beloved brother, Rev. J. N. Grace. An offering of one hundred dollars in cash was promptly laid on the table to pay the funeral expenses and three hundred thirty-eight dollars in subscriptions payable monthly was pledged for the support of the bereaved widow, Mrs. Lydia A. Grace, and her little children.

The religious services during the conference were very spiritual and very gratifying in results. Large, stirring street meetings were held, and they made a profound impression. On the Sabbath several pulpits were supplied with acceptability by members of the conference. On Sabbath night after a searching sermon by the bishop a large altar was filled with seekers and chairs were provided for penitents who continued coming for pardon and purity. It was about midnight before the service closed. The business sittings, too, were very spiritual in tone. Altogether, it was an excellent session of conference.

District Elder H. W. Hodge and Pastor N. L. Smith added much to the success of the conference. Their presence was an inspiration. Brother Smith was ordained an elder on the Sabbath.

District Elder Albert Wilson and Pastor Sarah Howard merit special commendation for arduous labors so successfully carried to completion in providing entertainment. Efficient coöperation among the pilgrims helped to lighten the work. Rev. Dunbar, of the Presbyterian church, together with his faithful congregation, deserve special mention for their hospitality so kindly extended. The homes in Chester are pleasant and the people are generous and sympathetic hosts. Many happy recollections will remain in the minds and hearts of the preachers and delegates during the labors of the ensuing year.

The appointments were well received. A host of consecrated preachers and evangelists have gone forth for a year of salvation and victory.

APPOINTMENTS

PITTSBURG DISTRICT—J. B. EASTON, District Elder, 48 Cresson street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

Pittsburg (Mt. Washington).....
H. A. Baldwin, 14 Katherine sreet, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
 Pittsburg (Frankstown avenue).....
R. H. Bentley, 8212 Frankstown avenue, Pittsburg, “
 Pittsburg (Steuben street).....
T. R. Wayne, 1040 Steuben street, Pittsburg, “
 Pittsburg (Glenwood avenue).....W. I. Smith, Glenwood ave-
nue and Alameda streets, Pittsburg, “
 Pittsburg (Providence Misslon).....
W. R. McCready, supply, 409 Second avenue, Pittsburg, “
 Kittanning and West Kittanning.....
H. W. Armstrong, 1513 Johnston avenue, Kittanning, “
 New Kensington and Rosston.....
Paul Stewart, supply, New Kensington, “
 McKeesport.....H. L. Speer, 318 Stoner avenue, McKeesport, “
 Braddock and East Pittsburg.....
Alma L. Miller, supply, 515 Hawkins avenue, Braddock, “
 Carnegie, McDonald and Washington.....
Elizabeth Bergman, supply, Carnegie, “
 Smithton, Collinsburg and Jacob's Creek.....
Eva Young, supply, Smithton, “
 Whitaker and Homestead.....T. D. McCleary and Mar-
garet McCleary, supplies, 120 W. Tenth avenue, Homestead, “
 Monongahela City, Courtney and Lewis Run.....Charles Callen, supply
 Verona..W. S. Mack, supply, 8416 Frankstown avenue, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

Walter A. Sellew, bishop, Jamestown, New York; C. W. Stamp, general conference evangelist, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois; Jeremiah Barnhart, F. E. Glass, superannuated; C. F. Johnston, evangelist, Leechburg, Pennsylvania.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT—ALBERT WILSON, District Elder, Chester, West Virginia

New Brighton and Beaver Falls.....
 ...R. A. Zahniser, supply, 528 Third avenue, New Brighton, Pennsylvania
 Rochester and Pleasant Valley.....
Oliver Atkinson, 466 Madison street, Rochester, “
 Monaca.....Elizabeth Stewart, supply, Monaca, “
 Frankfort and Burgettstown, E. R. Smith, R. F. D. 2, Hookstown, “
 Hookstown and Georgetown.....L. N. Campbell, Hookstown, “
 Chester.....M. F. Shafer, Chester, West Virginia
 Ohioville.....R. E. Shaner, supply, Smith's Ferry, R. F. D., Pennsylvania
 East Liverpool (Avondale street) and Wellsville.....
J. N. McKim, East Liverpool, Ohio
 East Liverpool (Oakland)....C. I. Schroder, Station 1, East Liverpool, Ohio
 Irondale and Ekeyville.....Perry Fields, supply, Rochester, Pennsylvania
 Wellsburg, Mingo Junction and Steubenville.....
E. L. Garrow, 107 Twenty-seventh street, Wellsburg, West Virginia
 Bridgeport, Neff and Martin's Ferry.....W. G. Long, Bridgeport, Ohio
 D. G. Shirer, superannuated, Rochester, Pennsylvania; J. W. McIntosh, evangelist, Bridgeport, Ohio; A. F. Faust, left without appointment according to paragraph 94 of the Discipline, Chester, West Virginia.

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT—J. F. SILVER, District Elder, 2 Katherine street, Mt. Washington, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

Butler and North Butler.....D. W. Rose, Lucia Rose, sup-
ply, 649 Brown avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania
 Mars and Callery.....To be supplied
 Glenshaw.....Georgia Jackson, supply, Glenshaw, Pennsylvania
 Avonmore and Perrysville.....Adam Lenkerd, Avonmore, "
 Apollo and Laurel Point.....Benjamin Hosbach, Apollo, "
 Vandergrift Heights.....Oliver Gornall, Vandergrift Heights, "
 Leechburg and Bagdad.....H. H. O'Bryon, Leechburg, "
 Tarentum and Birdville.....W. W. Spiker, Cora Spiker, sup-
ply, 508 East Seventh avenue, Tarentum, "
 Hites and Russellton.....L. C. Andre, Hites, "

J. R. Main, supernumerary, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania; F. W. Boettner, left without appointment according to paragraph 94 of the Discipline.

GREENSBURG DISTRICT—A. D. ZAHNISER, District Elder, 401 Morewood avenue, Blairsville, Pennsylvania

Jeannette, Greensburg, Arona and Diamond.....
R. B. Campbell, Jeannette, Pennsylvania
 Black Lick and Homer City, John Douglass, supply, Homer City, "
 Blairsville.....J. H. Whiteman, Morewood avenue, Blairsville, "
 Indiana and Marion Center.....J. P. Foy, Indiana, "
 Bolivar and Armagh.....Elvetta Yauger, Agatha Kel-
ley, supplies, Robinson, "

G. L. Coughron, left without appointment according to paragraph 94 of the Discipline, Jeannette, Pennsylvania; A. D. Zahniser, member of the Greensburg district quarterly conference.

UNIONTOWN DISTRICT—A. D. ZAHNISER, District Elder

Uniontown, Cool Spring and West Brownsville.....
Alla Hamilton, supply, Uniontown, Pennsylvania
 Glendale and Emma Hall.....E. E. Finley, Smithfield, "
 Fairchance.....R. N. Large, Fairchance, "
 Belle Vernon and Sunny Side.....J. C. Rose, Edna Rose, supply
 Mt. Pleasant, New Haven and Ruffsedale.....
J. H. Spears, William Sego, supplies, Mt. Pleasant, "
 Bridgeport, Scottdale and West Brownsville.....
Laura Lamb, supply, Stauffer, "
 Cove Run.....A. L. Duncan, Percy, "

ATLANTA (GEORGIA) DISTRICT—H. W. HODGE, District Elder
 261 Hill street, Atlanta, Georgia

Atlanta.....N. L. Smith, 259 Hill street, Atlanta, Georgia
 Rockmart, New Lebanon and Temple.....
W. B. Harris, Eula Harris, supply, Rockmart, "
 Athens.....Oscar Withrow, supply, 648 Glenn street, Atlanta, "
 Laura Town.....Wesley Juhlin, supply, 143 College avenue, Athens, "
 Birmingham.....E. N. Pitts, sup-
ply, 517½ South Twentieth street, Birmingham, Alabama
 Gainesville.....E. L. Dodson, supply, Gainesville, Georgia
 Holly Wood.....Mary Beeson, supply, Atlanta, "
 Shawmut, Alabama.....H. W. Hodge

E. E. Shelhamer, evangelist, Atlanta, Georgia.

WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT—C. H. MILLER, District Elder, 515 Hawkins avenue, Braddock, Pennsylvania

Morgantown, Dellslow and Sarver.....T. H. Hawkins, supply, Box 22, Enterprise, West Virginia
 Fairmont and Nain.....O. Satterfield, supply
 Catawba, Mt. Sharon, McConkey and Samaria.....Brooks Morgan, supply
 Enterprise, Gypsy and Sarietta schoolhouse.....Addie VanGilder, supply
 Hendricks.....Olive VanGilder and Cora Dawson, supplies
 Grafton.....J. W. Fetty, supply

LOCAL PREACHERS

Abbott, H. L., 414 Marshall avenue, McKeesport, Pennsylvania
 Juhlin, Wesley, 143 College street, Athens, Georgia
 Anthony, M. J., Johnston avenue, Kittanning, Pennsylvania
 Kelly, Byrd.....Carrolton, Georgia
 *Bailey, T. H., Arnold street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
 Kennedy, E. H., New Brighton, Pennsylvania
 Baker, D. J., 28 Katherine street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
 *King, J. C., Uniontown, Pennsylvania
 †Kolb, Edward, 80 Ruth street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
 Baker, F. M., Rochester, Pennsylvania
 †Lambert, G. B., 607 Fairview avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania
 Briggs, Harry, 15 Milledge avenue, Atlanta, Georgia
 Mack, W. S., 8416 Frankstown avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
 Brubaker, W. H., Avonmore, Pennsylvania
 Main, T. L., New Brighton, Pennsylvania
 Butler, D. E....Draketown, Georgia
 McCleary, T. D., Homestead, Pennsylvania
 Cooper, N. M., 1000 Lawn avenue, Greensboro, North Carolina
 McCready, W. R., 409 Second avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
 Crouch, W. H....Shawmut, Alabama
 Cunningham, J. B., 255 Hill street, Atlanta, Georgia
 McGraw, W. H. S., East Liverpool, Ohio
 Delbridge, George, Munhall, Pennsylvania
 Morgan, Brooks, R. D. 3, Fairmont, West Virginia
 Dodson, E. L....Rockmart, Georgia
 Donaldson, J. W., Russelton, Pennsylvania
 Nail, T. A., 622 Center avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania
 Duncan, H. C., 652 Brown avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania
 Palm, William, 105 Shady avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania
 Fetty, J. W., Farmington, West Virginia
 Page, Lloyd, R. D. 3, Fairmont, West Virginia
 Fish, John P....Hites, Pennsylvania
 Pitts, E. N., 515½ South Twentieth street, Birmingham, Alabama
 Fish, Samuel....Hites, "
 Rambo, W. A., Monaca, Pennsylvania
 Flocker, Miller, Vanport, Pennsylvania
 *Retzer, Fred, West Bridgewater, Pennsylvania
 Frazer, H. A., Smith's Ferry, Pennsylvania
 Rickard, T. M., 2710 Walnut street, McKeesport, Pennsylvania
 Funk, Grant, Station A, East Liverpool, Ohio
 Ross, J. H., 729 Center avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania
 Garrison, W. J.....Temple, Georgia
 Sellers, F. B., Walker avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania
 Grover, Jedediah, Homer City, Pennsylvania
 Shaner, R. E., Smith's Ferry, R. D., Pennsylvania
 Hampton, P. B.....Macon, Georgia
 Singleton, T. C., Russelton, Pennsylvania
 *Harford, E. E., Uniontown, Pennsylvania
 Smith, S. K., Tenth avenue, New Brighton, Pennsylvania
 Hawkins, T. H., Enterprise, West Virginia

*Local deacon. †Local elder.

LOCAL PREACHERS—Continued

- Snyder, H. G., 100 Lyon avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania
 *Spears, J. H., Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania
 Stout, N. D., Ravine street, East Liverpool, Ohio
 Telford, W. E., Braddock, Pennsylvania
 Tyler, W. H., Bolingbroke, Georgia
 VanGilder, T. L., Catawba, West Virginia
 Wakefield, Isaac, Charleroi, Pennsylvania
 Walker, Oliver, Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania
 Wallace, L. D., 255 Hill street, Atlanta, Georgia
 Withrow, Oscar, 648 Glenn street, Atlanta, Georgia

*Local deacon: †Local elder.

EVANGELISTS

- *Armstrong, Ella S., 1513 Johnston avenue, Kittanning, Pennsylvania
 *Baldwin, Etta W., 14 Katherine street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
 *Beeson, Mary, Atlanta, Georgia
 Bergman, Elizabeth, Carnegie, Pennsylvania
 Boettner, Jennie, Avonmore, Pennsylvania
 Boger, Ella, 8 Katherine street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
 Carlisle, Lizzie, 230 Hill street, Atlanta, Georgia
 Dawson, Cora, Hendricks, West Virginia
 Dennis, M. E., Rockmart, Georgia
 Duffy, Fannie M., Wellsburg, West Virginia
 Foy, Clara, Indiana, Pennsylvania
 Garrow, Mary E., 255 Hill street, Atlanta, Georgia
 Gornall, Phoebe, Vandergrift Heights, Pennsylvania
 Grace, Lydia A., 649 Brown avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania
 Hamilton, Alla, Uniontown, Pennsylvania
 Harris, Eula, Rockmart, Georgia
 *Howard, Mrs. Sarah, Chester, West Virginia
 Jackson, Georgia, Glenshaw, Pennsylvania
 Juhlin, Alfreda, 648 Glenn street, Atlanta, Georgia
 *Lamb, Laura, Stauffer, Pennsylvania
 *Lenkerd, Edith M., Avonmore, Pennsylvania
 *Leonard, Mary J., Vanport, Pennsylvania
 Mason, Margaret, Vandergrift Heights, Pennsylvania
 *Miller, Alma L., 515 Hawkins avenue, Braddock, Pennsylvania
 Osborne, Mary E., 24 Sycamore street, S. S., Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
 Rose, Edna, Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania
 *Rose, Lucia A., 649 Brown avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania
 Rose, Mary, McKeesport, Pennsylvania
 Shelhamer, Julia, . . . Atlanta, Georgia
 *Shirer, Ida M., 490 Connecticut avenue, Rochester, Pennsylvania
 *Smith, Bertha B., 259 Hill street, Atlanta, Georgia
 Spears, Malinda, Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania
 *Spiker, Cora, 508 East Seventh avenue, Tarentum, Pennsylvania
 *Stamp, Blanche E., 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois
 *Stewart, Elizabeth, Monaca, Pennsylvania
 *Southworth, Lena, Perry, New York
 VanGilder, Adda
 Wayne, Frances M., 1040 Steuben street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
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 Young, Talulah, 259 Hill street, Atlanta, Georgia

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—MEMORIAL OF JOHN NELSON GRACE

When the roll was called at the twenty-seventh annual session of the Pittsburg conference there was no response from the lips of Rev. J. N. Grace.

He is in heaven. His departure from this life makes the first break in the ranks of our ministerial membership since our organization as a separate body which took place in 1898. By a mysterious providence our faithful and much beloved brother and fellow soldier, Rev. J. N. Grace, was called to his final reward from his home and last field of labor at Butler, Pennsylvania. September 7, 1909. While we deplore the depletion of our ranks, yet in our deep bereavement we bow in devout resignation to the divine will and infinite wisdom of Him who doeth all things well.

Rev. John Nelson Grace was born in the city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, March 3, 1868. At the age of fifteen he was employed as a shipping clerk in a manufacturing establishment now known as the Graham Nut Company. Seven years later he entered Allegheny College at Meadville, Pennsylvania, where he spent three years of faithful application to study. His educational preparation for life was continued at North Chili, New York, where in addition to the studies he pursued he taught a class in the commercial department of the institution.

Although outwardly moral from his youth, he was deeply convinced of sin at an early age and earnestly sought God and united with the Methodist Episcopal church. His religious experience, however, was not satisfactory to himself at this time, though his life before the world was exemplary. His attention to the Free Methodist church was called for the first time by one who warned him against the denomination. He immediately became interested and made inquiry of his counselor as to what sort of people they were, and he resolved to find them as soon as possible. Hearing of a holiness convention at New Brighton, Pennsylvania, in June, 1894, he decided immediately to attend and was rewarded by a gracious outpouring of the Spirit of God upon his soul. Speaking of this experience he said: "I found myself almost unconsciously standing in the pulpit with uplifted hands and tearful eyes, saying, 'These are the people of God.'" From that time until his death he stood nobly by the work of God as represented by the church of his conviction.

At the age of twenty-four he preached his first sermon. He was very actively engaged in the Bethany revival at West End, Pittsburgh, a memorable meeting which closed April 22, 1894, in which more than one hundred were converted to God and a large number of believers sanctified wholly. On December 7, 1898, he was united in marriage to Miss Lydia A. Welsh, of New Brighton, Pennsylvania, who walked by his side in Christian devotion until the last moment of his life.

He was one of the moving spirits in the founding of our mission work in the city of Pittsburgh, which in time led to the opening of Hope Mission; a branch of that institution he conducted at Homestead for some time. He has been a member of the board of directors of Providence Mission and Rescue Home for seven years, rendering valuable service as secretary. He was ever ready with helpful plans and suggestions for the enlargement and extension of the work of the institution. He was also one of the first to insist upon the necessity of publishing a paper in connection with the work of the mission, and he contributed much to the success of the project, acting as an associate editor of *Providence Mission Tidings* since its publication.

As a Christian he possessed a tender conscience and strong personal convictions. He was careful in conversation and consistent in life. He despised affectation and hated hypocrisy. He ever strove to lift up Christ to a lost and dying world. As a preacher he was interesting, instructive, convincing, and convicting. He possessed a personal piety beautifully blended with a proper ministerial dignity. As a pastor he was a faithful follower of the "Chief Shepherd," ever sustaining a heart relation to the members of the flock entrusted to his care, manifesting a personal interest in every member of each family on his charge. Meek, gentle, and unassuming, only those who were closely acquainted with his inner life could appreciate fully his humility of spirit and his ripeness for heaven. He was always unselfish in disposition and constantly thoughtful of the welfare of others.

Brother Grace did not confine his interest to the narrow limit of his circuit and home, but showed in a practical way his concern for the general welfare of the district to which he belonged as well as that of the annual conference of which he was a member. He was always deeply grieved over any apparent lack of fellowship among his brethren. Although capable of being an excellent critic, he rarely mentioned the faults or infirmities of others and always placed the best construction on everything. He also showed a marked interest in the denomination at large—her foreign missions, home missions, periodicals, schools and charitable institutions.

This noble and devoted man of God was cut down in the very zenith of his activity and, as it would seem to us, at the time when he was most needed by his family, by the church, and by the world; but we dare not view this providence in such a light, as this precious and useful life is not a broken fragment, but a finished product, a completed plan.

John Grace has fought a good fight, and he has finished his course and entered into rest to receive his final and eternal reward. We therefore relinquish our earthly claim and accept with becoming resignation the bitter bud and wait in trusting faith for the future fragrance of the unfolding flower.

We extend to the relatives of our departed brother, and especially to the bereaved and faithful mother who, under God, gave to the world and the church so faithful a son, our heartfelt sympathy. We pause at the threshold of this bereaved home—where shall we find words to express our tender sympathy and deep concern for our widowed Sister Grace with her five fatherless children thus deprived of the companionship and protection of such a precious husband and faithful father? We suffer with her so far as it is possible in this her inexpressible sorrow, and we commend her to Him of whom it is said, "Thy Maker is thy husband," and who as such has said, "Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; and let thy widows trust in me."

We recommend that a copy of this memorial be sent to *The Free Methodist* for publication, that a copy be conveyed to the bereaved widow, and that a copy be spread upon the journal.

II.—ON EDUCATION

We believe that the supreme object of education should be the drawing out of ones powers, the developing and enlarging of his capacity, the bringing to light and quickening into activity the latent forces of the three-fold nature, that he may accomplish in the best possible manner the highest purpose of his creation. And since man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever, conscience demands that he carefully apply himself to acquire that class of knowledge that will enable him to comprehend and enjoy God and render to Him the most acceptable and profitable service possible.

As a conference we appreciate Christian education and mental culture, but exceedingly regret the manifest tendency of our modern institutions of learning to skepticism, agnosticism, atheism, and infidelity, threatening the safety and security of both church and state. We do not attribute this condition to advanced thought, but rather to a neglect to educate and exalt conscience to its proper place and right relation. "It is only when conscience has been trained to the governing position that it is at all safe to bring forth the other powers of man to their highest degree of development." Regeneration alone can empower the individual to meet the demands of an awakened and educated conscience, which is nothing less than absolute loyalty to Almighty God. As the eye will respond to nothing but light, so conscience will respond to nothing but divine authority.

We desire to avoid the most common mistake of the modern mind worshippers, and refuse to bow at the shrine of "world wisdom," or to exalt out of all due proportions mental culture as the one necessary preparation for the ministry of the gospel. The root idea of New Testament Christianity is

the power of the Holy Spirit clothed in human flesh, empowering, inspiring, and exercising the human mind and soul.

The baptism with the Holy Ghost is the crying need of the Christian church to enable her to cope with present conditions and to bring her back to that happy spirit of humble simplicity and ardent love and zeal for the lost, and clothing her with that holy boldness and invincible courage exemplified in the lives of the early disciples.

If ever in the world's history a finished education and superior intellectual culture was the imperative need for the introduction and spread of the gospel, it was in the days of the early church. There were the rulers of the Jews with their crafty questionings, the self-righteous Pharisees, the scoffing Sadducees, the Greeks with their learning and subtle philosophies, the nations North and South of them, Phœnicia and Egypt, stern, haughty, commanding Rome worshiping authority, with her military organization more complete than any the world has known before or since. Yet Christ chose the uneducated and untutored fishermen and sent them forth endued "with power from on high" to cope with these conditions, and convince the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; and when Paul (perhaps the most learned apostle) is converted he comes forth speaking most strongly against attempting to convert the world through the power of "the wisdom of words." An authority has said, "The wisdom of which Paul here speaks seems to be of two kinds—speculative philosophy and eloquence."

There is in our day a marvelous idolatry of talent. It is strange and grievous to see how many bow down to genius and success. "When once idolatry of talent enters the church, then farewell to spirituality. When men ask their teachers not for that which will make them more humble and Godlike, but for the excitement of an intellectual banquet, then farewell to Christian progress." We firmly believe, however, that it is possible to have all the benefits and blessings of education and to avoid the dangers and snares. A thirst for knowledge is a mark of true conversion, and history reveals the fact that a revival of Christian education always follows in the wake of a widespread revival of religion.

We are gratified to note this mark of genuineness in the revival that resulted in the organization of the Free Methodist church. We desire to express our appreciation of our denominational schools and to commend them for the excellent work they are doing, and recommend that our people patronize and support them. Perhaps special mention should be made of the A. M. Chesbrough Seminary because of its proximity to the Pittsburg conference. We would recommend that any of our young people desiring to take a college course attend our denominational college located at Greenville, Illinois.

III.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS

Every great forward movement of the Anglo-Saxon race that has been for its moral or spiritual uplift has been connected with the study of the Bible. When Wycliffe gave the Englishman the Bible in his own language it was the new birth of England. When Wesley showed them their highest spiritual attainments, as set forth in the Word of God, it put new life into the church of Jesus Christ, and a body of people called Methodists were raised up to spread scriptural holiness throughout the earth.

Whenever the standard-bearer of any civilized nation hath invaded the territory of the heathen, there hath the missionary gone with his Bible. And in not a few cases the missionary under the ensign of the cross with his open Bible led the van. Nothing but its divine inspiration can account for the great influence of the Bible. The modern worldly-wise rob it of its supernatural halo, and place it among the purely human productions of literature. They tell us, "The doctrines professed by Jesus and His apostles have long since disappeared." "Jesus was no more infallible and impeccable than any other creature of God, and there is much in His teaching that is irra-

tional and inadmissible." A professor of the Chicago University recently published the following: "Whole books and sections of the Bible have so little relation to present-day life that they serve no purpose for the education of the young." Doubtless "whole sections" and "books" of the Bible are contrary to the teaching of Chicago University. Let these obsolete professors continue to blast at the "Rock of Ages." When the smoke has cleared, and the noise of the blasting has died away, the old Rock will still abide—firm, uncracked and unmoved—for the Lord's Christ is the Alpha and Omega, from everlasting to everlasting He is God, and His Word shall abide forever. The gospel of Christ is still the power of God unto salvation, and when it is planted in the hearts and minds of "the young" it will still produce the most noble and God-like men the world has ever seen.

Better keep right on teaching this book to the children and to the children's parents. And for this very purpose the church has under her supervision the Sabbath-school. No longer is the Sabbath-school looked upon as a place to tutor infants, for within its sacred precincts are found all, from the least to the greatest.

As we survey the work of the past year it has not been all we hoped for, nor is it all it would have been had the careless, the indifferent, the negligent, and the half-hearted come up to the help of the Lord. But our Sabbath-school work is advancing, and for this we thank God and take courage. We have within our conference 67 schools, 498 officers and teachers, and 3,358 scholars, a total enrolment of 3,856. There are 17 teacher training classes, 19 cradle rolls, and 17 home departments. We have a gain of 55 officers and teachers, a gain of 289 scholars, and a gain of 3 schools over last year's report.

A leading man in the educational world has said, "The educational problem of this age, and every other age, is not the founding of the schoolhouse, but the making of the school-master." We have the Sabbath-schools and now we have the task of making the teachers. Your committee urge that you organize in each school, where not already organized, a class in teacher training, using Olmstead's "Handbook for Sunday-school Workers." And when, Lord willing, a year hence the roll of teacher training classes is called shall your school or circuit be among the missing ones, just because you stood idly by and took no interest in it?

The home department is the home missionary work of the Sabbath-school. It offers the open Bible through the hand of the living visitor to every man, woman, and child who can not attend the regular school. Its influence is far reaching and its good untold. And while you look after the welfare of the older ones, do not forget the babies, but have a well-conducted cradle-roll in every Sabbath-school.

We recommend that every superintendent make special preparation for the quarterly missionary and temperance lessons.

Above all we have said, we place pre-eminent the conversion and spiritual life of the scholars. For this let the Sabbath-school be the means to an end. The school that fails here fails of true success.

Shall we here this day renew our consecration and go forth to redouble our diligence and energy, doing whatever shall make us more efficient, laying ourselves (body; then we shall go to Sabbath-school—mind; then we shall study for its betterment—soul; then we shall be spiritually equipped) upon the altar of the Sabbath-school, for sacrifice or service. For our encouragement Daniel hath said, "They that be teachers shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PITTSBURG CONFERENCE
PITTSBURG, ROCHESTER AND WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies Of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claims	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claims	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
PITTSBURG DISTRICT																	
	J. B. Easton, District Elder																
Pittsburg, Mt. Washington.....	R. H. Bentley	82	10	92	3	2	1	14	125	15	36 45	18 63	16 50	12 15	8 10		\$433 76
Pittsburg, East End.....	J. N. McKim.....	67	8	65	1	1	1	15	90	8	25 65	10 26	8 55	5 70			148 12
Pittsburg, Steuben St.....	Ellis L. Garrow	27	2	29	1	1	1	9	40	7	11 15	4 96	4 05	2 70		\$ 17 57	82 99
Pittsburg, Glenwood Ave.....	B. Hoebach.....	17	1	18	1	1	1	6	36	2	7 30	3 24	2 40	1 60			75 01
Bradock.....	Alma Miller, supply	24	3	27	1	2	1	12	38	3	8 10	3 24	2 40	1 60			75 01
Whitaker.....	H. W. Armstrong.....	12	2	14	1	1	1	12	16	3	27 00	9 00	3 00	2 00			48 21
Carnegie.....	Laura Lamb, supply.....	15	4	19	2	1	1	8	60	6	6 75	2 70	2 25	1 50			26 14
St. Kensington.....	Thomas Southworth.....	16	3	19	1	1	1	7	44	4	4 05	1 62	1 35	1 50			4 00
St. Albans and Verona.....	Eva G. Young, supply.....	16	1	17	1	1	1	5	8	6	6 75	2 70	2 25	1 50		8 00	163 18
St. Albans and Collinsburg.....	H. L. Speer.....	42	13	55	2	1	1	17	70	13	20 70	6 90	6 90	4 50			
McKeesport and Glassport.....																	
D. E. camp-meeting collection, etc.																	
ROCHESTER DISTRICT																	
New Brighton and Beaver Falls.....	Albert Wilson, District Elder	129	28	157	3	2	1	19	160	25	51 30	20 52	17 10	11 40		15 00	189 90
East Liverpool and Wellsville.....	Dudley W. Rose.....	51	23	74	1	2	2	23	176	14	31 25	12 35	6 72	4 50			120 95
Bridgeport and Nef.....	T. R. Wayne.....	30	3	33	1	1	1	18	82	10	14 85	5 84	4 95	3 30			30 68
Oakland.....	V. G. Long.....	35	9	44	1	1	1	11	130	7	12 60	5 04	4 20	2 80			38 23
Wellsburg and Pleasant Valley.....	L. N. Campbell.....	44	11	55	3	2	1	11	85	8	15 75	6 30	5 25	3 50		7 50	91 13
Wellsburg, Minga Jct., Steubenville, Frankfurt.....	L. H. Baldwin.....	40	3	43	2	1	1	12	112	4	18 00	7 20	6 00	4 00			69 95
Frankfort.....	Albert Wilson.....	11	1	12	1	1	1	6	25		4 96	1 98	1 65	1 10			149 58
Monaca.....	Elizabeth Stewart, supply.....	12	1	13	1	1	1	8	50	6	9 30	2 52	2 10	1 40			16 85
Ekeyville.....	D. G. Shirer.....	13	8	21	1	1	1	5	45	1	9 45	3 15	3 15	2 10			
Chester.....	William F. Grafton.....	7	4	11	1	1	1	7	46	1	7 00	1 08	30	50			7 00
Irondale.....	Sarah E. Howard, supply.....	16	2	18	1	2	1	6	2		7 65	3 06	2 51	1 50			
Hookstown.....	A. Wilson.....	3	1	4	1	1	1	8	75		13 65	5 22	4 35	2 80			25 00
	Edwin R. Smith.....																
WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT																	
Morgantown, Delslow and Sarver.....	C. H. Miller, District Elder	11	3	14	1	1	1	12	35	1	5 40	1 76	1 80	1 20			
Hendrick.....	O. E. Satterfield.....	5	1	6	1	1	1	6	15	2	3 15	1 05	1 05	1 05			
Fairmont, Sharon and Catawba.....	C. H. Miller.....	30	7	37	1	1	1	14	75	2	15 75	5 25	5 25	3 60			
Ardie VanGilder, supply.....	Ardie VanGilder, supply.....	7	6	13	1	1	1	6	30	2	2 70	1 08	30	90			8 00
McConkey, Samaria and Nain.....	Rooks Morgan.....	21	2	23	1	1	1	18	60		6 75	2 70	2 25	1 50			

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PITTSBURG CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re-celpts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re-celpts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
PITTSBURG DISTRICT												
Pittsburg, Mt. Washington.....			\$ 129 76	\$ 4 05	\$ 848 76		\$131 14		1	\$ 10000		
Pittsburg, East End.....	\$ 1 00	\$ 2 30	141 27	2 85	696 33	\$192	123 06	\$ 96 48	1	7000	1	\$ 2000
Pittsburg, Steuben St.....			65 48	1 35	596 98	150	66 12	28 22	1	4500	1	1500
Pittsburg, Glenwood Ave.....			27 97	80	258 91	120	30 70		1	5000	1	1000
Braddock.....			32 90	90	377 53	85	51 32		1	5000	1	4000
Kittanning and Roston.....			194 79	3 00	530 00	120	103 66	40 00	1	3000	1	1600
Carnegie.....			20 00	1 00	180 00		43 95	16 00	1	1600		
Whittaker.....			38 40	75	320 00		34 31	3 60	1	1500		
New Kensington and Verona.....			25 76	45	109 73		37 38					
Smithton and Collinsburg.....			13 30	75	183 00		29 87	10 86	2	3000		
McKeesport and Glassport.....			117 17	2 30	650 00		22 74	27 73	1	4000	1	4000
D. E. camp-meeting col'n, etc.							96 00					
ROCHESTER DISTRICT												
New Brighton and Beaver Falls.....	3 16	3 16	135 38	11 70	832 00	84	\$180 44	28 43	1	3000	1	3000
East Liverpool and Wellsville.....			139 14	2 25	758 54	80	35 00		1	3000		
Bridgeport and Neff.....	1 00	1 00	39 38	1 05	487 48		56 00	2 81	1	2500		
Oakland.....			97 83	1 40	600 00		42 57	1 40	1	2500		
Rochester and Pleasant Valley.....			64 84	1 75	552 00	1 25	76 42	20 63	2	4000	1	1000
Wellsburg, Minga Junction, etc.			82 52	2 00	314 38	120	77 56		1	2100		
Frankfort.....			27 00	55	279 14		33 41			2300		
Ohioville.....	2 00		70	70	148 24		31 19			1200		
Monaca.....		2 00	34 65	1 05	86 64		40 00		1	1200		
Elkeyville.....			22 42	30	94 09		20 59	12 00				
Chester.....			19 32	85	179 21		40 00	1 50	1	4200		
Irondale.....				25			7 26	25 1		1500		
Hookstown.....			38 43	1 45	352 46		48 65		1	1500		
WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT												
Morgantown, Deislow, Sarver.....				60	188 69	60	143 23		2			
Hendricks.....				35	109 76	60	18 37		2			
Fairmont, Sharon, Catawba.....			24	1 75	94 64		10 92	18 00	1	900	1	1000
Enterprise.....			11 94		221 90		46 56	1 75	2	1400		
McConkey, Samarra and Nain.....			9 62	75	174 54		28 38	18 83	3	1500		
GREENSBURG DISTRICT												
Fairchance.....			135 00	2 90	576 00		\$110 65	16 00	1	1500	1	1500
Bridgeport and Scottsdale.....			45 00	1 00	263 57		37 79					
Blairsville.....		1 45	38 00	1 25	410 00	150	60 67		1	2000	1	2500
Cove Run.....			26 00	1 40	300 80	50	80 00	1 40	1	1500	1	600
Belle Vernon and Sunnyside.....			38 00	65	467 00		76 08					
Mt. Pleasant and Connellsville.....			21 98	80	302 00	100	90 45	15 00	1	1800	1	1200
Black Lick and Homer City.....			13 07	55	312 00		44 00		1	2000		
Glendale and Emma Hall.....			4 71	70	163 07		53 22		1	800		
Greensburg and Jeannette.....			40 00	1 15	322 69		45 00	5 60	1	3000		
Indiana.....	50	61	20 69	95	325 00	120	65 29		1	2000	1	2500
Uniontown, Cool Spring, etc.....			12 00	70	230 00		57 82	28 79	2	1800		
Arona.....			13 84	60	226 53		44 22		1	1200		
Bolivar and Armagh.....				20			8 75	12 00	2	1500		
ALLEGHENY DISTRICT												
Butler.....		7 07	267 75	4 25	739 73		\$173 80					
Vandergriff Heights.....		3 73	110 20	2 70	730 00		147 80	58 31	1	3000	1	2500
Tarentum.....			63 50	2 90	760 00		146 00	51 45	1	5000	1	2300
Apollo and Laurel Point.....			80 78	2 20	470 00		107 50	32 00	1	10000		
Hite, Russellton and Birdville.....			94 67	1 15	651 55	60	61 25		2	2200		
Avonmore and Perryville.....	1 00	2 70	37 72	1 85	407 46		53 85	1 85	1	1600		
Leechburg and Bagdad.....			49 07	95	382 00		42 30	6 00	2	2500	1	1600
Mars and Callery.....			13 00	70	178 98		33 00	44 68	2	2500		
ATLANTA (GEORGIA) DISTRICT												
Atlanta.....			36 14	3 30	820 00		30 00			4000		
Gainesville.....			8 73	60	40 00		22 00	100 94	1	500		
Rockmart.....				40	38 47		8 00	39 60	1	500		
Total.....	\$ 9 93	\$26 02	\$2598 86	\$75 40	19411 75	1553	\$3345 41	\$ 743 06	59	\$ 132200 13		\$35500

*Includes collection of \$43 20 at camp-meeting.

†Includes collection of \$62.00 at camp-meeting.

‡Includes receipts from various sources, \$69.33.

Parsonage Rent—Rochester and Pleasant Valley, \$1.25. Chester, 85 cents.

WABASH CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-fifth Annual Session, held at Clay City,
Indiana, September 22-25, 1909

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*

JOHN A. WATSON, *Secretary* A. F. NISWONGER, *Assistant Secretary*

J. B. LUTZ, *Statistical Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Walter A. Sellaw, A. F. Niswonger, John A. Watson, D. S. Moore.

On Church Literature—C. J. Burnette, D. Duval.

On Reforms—C. A. Fleming, George Carson.

On State of the Work—John A. Watson, U. G. Hoover, A. F. Niswonger.

On Education—A. F. Niswonger, Frank Johnson.

On Sabbath-schools—J. B. Lutz, E. A. Drummond, Hetty Lane.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. F. Erwin, E. T. Corson, Henry Smith.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—S. A. Landis.

On Complimentary Resolutions—R. F. Durham, F. M. Cullison.

On Ministerial Relations—John A. Watson, A. F. Niswonger, C. A. Fleming, S. H. Lewis, G. W. Gilkison.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—Walter A. Sellaw, A. F. Niswonger, John A. Watson, S. J. Barger, F. M. Cullison.

On Charities—J. L. Duval, U. G. Hoover, Irvin Smith.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

John A. Watson, president, for two years; U. S. Ferguson, secretary, for one year; Isaac Kesler, treasurer, for four years; S. H. Lewis, for three years; S. J. Barger, for five years.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

U. G. Hoover, president, for two years; C. A. Fleming, for three years; W. V. Miller, for four years; D. S. Moore, for one year; J. B. Lutz, secretary, for five years.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

H. J. McKinnell, president; G. W. Gilkison, secretary and treasurer; J. F. Erwin, William McGrayel, George Corson.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

U. S. Ferguson, Henning, Illinois

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions, Conference Missions; second quarter, Church

Extension, Foreign Missions; third quarter, Conference Claimants Fund; fourth quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Permanent Fund, Delegates' Expenses to General Conference.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Miss Nellie Allen, president, Ft. Branch, Indiana; Miss Anna Bright, first vice-president, South Bend, Indiana; Mrs. Mattie McDaniels, second vice-president, Westfield, Illinois; Mrs. Lena Lutz, recording and corresponding secretary, Indianapolis, Indiana; Miss Daisy Fritchie, treasurer, R. R., Flat Rock, Illinois.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—R. F. Durham, *On Education*—C. J. Burnette,
On Church Literature—U. S. Fergus- *On Sabbath-schools*—J. F. Erwin,
 son, *On Charities*—U. G. Hoover,
 On State of the Work—A. F. Niswonger.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

E. E. Robbins,	J. H. Keys,	H. J. McKinnell,
S. H. Lewis.	A. F. Niswonger,	D. S. Moore,
U. S. Ferguson,	John A. Watson,	J. B. Hull,
S. P. Mercer,	E. T. Corson,	J. L. Duval,
A. P. Harrell,	G. W. Gilkison,	J. F. Erwin.
J. B. Lutz,	R. F. Durham,	W. V. Miller,
U. G. Hoover,	C. A. Fleming,	C. J. Burnette.

DELEGATES

F. M. Cullison,	Erwin Smith,	Emma Goble,
Frank Johnson,	G. E. Corson,	J. H. McCabe,
E. A. Drummond,	S. J. Barger,	Hettie Lane,
D. Duval,	J. D. Wright,	Noah Fletcher,
William McGrayel,	W. T. Cissna,	H. C. Smith,
Ruth Frost,	Bettie Harmon,	E. B. Allen,
Margaret Stonebreaker,	Merton Knowles,	R. D. Weatherly.

2. Who are the stationing committee? Walter A. Sellew, A. F. Niswonger, John A. Watson, S. J. Barger, Frank Cullison.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? U. E. Harding, Edward G. Grimes, Frank W. Johnson, John H. McCabe.

4. Who remain on trial? Joseph H. Jones, Richard A. Watson, William H. Haynes, Osmon P. Ellis, Simon A. Landes, R. C. McDaniels.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? C. J. Burnette.

6. Who are the deacons? J. L. Duval, G. W. Gilkison, of the first class; C. J. Burnette.

8. Who have located this year? Perry E. Morgan, at his request.

10. Who are the superannuated, or worn-out preachers? E. E. Robbins, S. H. Lewis, J. H. Keys, J. B. Hull.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? W. G. McVey, C. W. Haney, H. B. Ambler.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? W. R. Bonham.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed, with one exception.
- 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23. See statistics.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers? J. H. Keys, \$30; E. E. Robbins, \$75; S. H. Lewis, \$150.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall the next conference be held? A. F. Niswonger, D. S. Moore, John A. Watson were appointed a committee to determine the place; the time to be as near the last Wednesday in August, 1910, as can be arranged by the bishops.

MISCELLANEOUS

A spirit of harmony prevailed at this session of the conference. The labors of Bishop Walter A. Sellw were much appreciated and were a blessing to the conference.

Rev. D. S. Moore, the pastor, was abundant in labors, and with his faithful society rendered Christian hospitality to all.

The W. F. M. S. held a very interesting meeting Friday evening in the interest of foreign missions. Bishop Sellw gave a very able address on foreign missions.

APPOINTMENTS

ATTICA DISTRICT—A. F. NISWONGER, District Elder, Greenville, Illinois
 Attica and Pine Village.....Edward G. Grimes, Attica, Indiana
 Antioch and Black Rock.....R. F. Durham, Attica, R. R., "
 Marshfield.....J. L. Duvall, Marshfield, "
 Danville.....H. J. McKinnell, 112 Bowman avenue, Danville, Illinois
 Urbana.....Frank Johnson, 910 Springfield avenue, Urbana, "
 Rantoul and Sugar Grove.....J. F. Erwin, Rantoul, "
 Henning, Bethel and Hoopeston.....U. S. Ferguson, Henning, "
 Oxford, Boswell and Templeton.....W. H. Haynes, Oxford, Indiana
 LaFayette.....C. J. Burnette, 2013 Jackson street, LaFayette, "
 Frankfort.....To be supplied
 Indianapolis Mission..J. B. Lutz, 1253 Brookside avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana
 S. H. Lewis, superannuated, Attica, Indiana; A. B. Harrell, left without appointment, par. 94, Crawfordsville, Indiana; U. G. Hoover, agent Chicago Industrial Home for Children, Attica, Indiana; Perry Morgan, granted certificate of location at his request; R. A. Watson, left without appointment, par. 94, Crawfordsville, Indiana; W. R. Bonham, granted certificate of good standing.

WESTFIELD DISTRICT—A. F. NISWONGER, District Elder
 Westfield and Sidel.....R. C. McDaniels, Mat-
tie McDaniels, supply, Westfield, Illinois
 Casey and Mt. Olive.....To be supplied
 Neoga, Kingman, Pleasant Grove and Janesville.....
Henry Arnold, Pearl Arnold, supplies, Neoga, Illinois
 CharlestonTo be supplied
 Arcola, Tuscola and Camargo.....S. P. Mercer, Arcola, Illinois

E. E. Robbins, superannuated, Westfield, Illinois; C. W. Haney, withdrawn from conference and church; H. B. Ambler, withdrawn under complaint of a financial nature.

WABASH DISTRICT—JOHN A. WATSON, District Elder, 1019 Elm street, Vincennes, Indiana

West Salem, Mt. Hope, Mt. Zion and Immanuel.....
E. T. Corson, West Salem, Illinois
 Mt. Carmel and Belmont.....D. S. Moore, Mt. Carmel, "
 Vincennes, and Lawrenceville....W. V. Miller, Minnie Miller, sup-
ply, 409 Sycamore street, Vincennes, Indiana
 Birds, Bee Branch, Island and Pinkstaff....G. W. Gilkison, Belmont, Illinois
 Victory, Dark Bend and Chauncey.....
Alfred Martin, supply, Lawrenceville, R. R., "
 Oblong.....To be supplied
 Clay City and Ashboro.....John H. McCabe, Clay City, Indiana
 St. Francisville, Liberty and New Hope.....
Simon A. Landis, St. Francisville, Illinois
 Woods Chapel.....To be supplied
 Terre Haute.....C. A. Fleming, 1521 Oak street, Terre Haute, Indiana
 Sand Creek and Coxville....George Roark, supply, Rockville, R. R. 5, "

J. H. Keys, superannuated, West Salem, Illinois; J. B. Hull, superannuated, Calhoun, Illinois, R. R. 1; W. G. McVey, withdrawn from conference and church with a commendation to join another church.

EVANSVILLE DISTRICT—JOHN A. WATSON, District Elder

Evansville Mission...U. E. Harding, 407 Governor street, Evansville, Indiana
 Ft. Branch and Decker.....Joseph H. Jones, Ft. Branch, "
 Tennyson, Bloomfield and Boonville.....Osmon P. Ellis, Tennyson, "
 Millstone, Tell City and Rome....Duane Bailiff, supply, Tobinsport, "
 YankeetownTo be supplied

EVANGELISTS

W. O. Cook.....West Salem, Illinois	Mrs. Orinda Jackson, LaFayette, Indiana
Mrs. Pyrla Long, Marshfield, Indiana	ana
Mrs. E. A. Entsler, LaFayette, "	Elizabeth Wiglund...Danville, Illinois
Zadoc Duval.....Marshfield, "	Charles Alexander, Indianapolis, Indiana
Henry Arnold.....Neoga, Illinois	ana
Mrs. Mattie McDaniels, Westfield, Illinois	Flora Alexander, Indianapolis, Indiana
Nellie Allen.....Ft. Branch, Indiana	Mrs. Nellie Morgan, Attica, R. R. 1, Indiana
Mrs. Pearl Arnold.....Neoga, "	Mrs. Blanche Perigo, Greenville, Illinois
Mrs. L. E. Fleming, 152 Oak street, Terre Haute, Indiana	

LOCAL PREACHERS

H. C. Duval...Hartford City, Indiana	Luther Dagley.....Boswell, Indiana
Amos Shaw .....Hoopeston, Illinois	N. S. Ogborn...Pine Village, "
E. T. Lloyd.....Marshfield, Indiana	F. M. Cullison...Lawrenceville, Illinois
W. H. Delbridge.....Neoga, Illinois	G. H. Vaught.....Linton, Indiana
Henderson Hedrick, Lawrenceville, Illinois	T. H. Duvall...Terre Haute, "
Henry Phillips....Yankeetown, Indiana	Al Martin, Lawrenceville, R. R., Illinois
Walker Youngblood, Yankeetown, Indiana	Mitchel Lank .....Oxford, Indiana
Jacob Bowman.....Rockport, Indiana	Newel Wilson .....Toledo, Illinois
Earnest Perigo....Greenville, Illinois	Charles Gunn.....Cannelton, Indiana
	T. T. Johnson.....Pinkstaff, Illinois

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR PUBLISHING THE MINUTES—Collected, \$22.25.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND—Apportioned and collected, \$105.60.

GENERAL MISSION FUND—Apportioned and collected, \$158.40.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Apportioned and collected, \$190.68.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Apportioned and collected, \$475.20.

PERMANENT FUND—Apportioned and collected, \$52.80.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS FUND—Apportioned and collected, \$73.92.

FOREIGN MISSION FUND—Collected by pastors, \$58.14; collected by W. F. M. S., \$256.33.

CHILDREN'S FUND—\$9.66.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$8.72.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY FUND—\$72.11.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON EDUCATION

Our beneficent Creator has endowed us with physical, intellectual, and moral powers and faculties which may be educated to a high degree of usefulness. In a symmetrical education all the powers and faculties of the man are so trained and developed that he may be proficient in advancing the glory of God and in promoting the welfare of humanity. An education which does not attend to the moral and spiritual as well as the physical and intellectual, may be a power for evil rather than for good.

We would call attention to three active agencies, operating in the education of our youth—the state, the home, and the church.

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Many institutions of learning are well constructed—well organized. They are splendidly equipped with facilities for intellectual training, but are, like the chemist's grain of wheat, destitute of the essential life principle.

The influence, the training, and the discipline of the home are primary and important factors in an education. It is here the foundations are laid for future success and happiness. A failure here may prove disastrous both in time and in eternity.

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The command of divine revelation is, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it." The primary elements of this training are honor and obedience to parents and reverence for and devotion to God. They are accompanied with the gracious promise, "It shall be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth." We may cherish the confidence that the child which honors and obeys his parents will honor his country and his God, and will become an honorable citizen of the state. But where is the promise which we may plead, or a hope which we may indulge where parental training is neglected?

The Christian church has proven herself a promoter of education. She has been painfully conscious of the baneful influences which are tolerated in many institutions of learning. She is persuaded that the forming of character and the promotion of vital godliness must be constituent elements in the education of our youth. For this purpose she has devoted much time, energy, and money to found and maintain seminaries, colleges and universities. For this purpose numbers of talented and cultured men and women have rejected offers of lucrative positions and for very meager salaries have devoted many years of their lives as instructors and managers of Christian schools. They have been spiritual as well as intellectual leaders, and the atmosphere of the class-rooms has been congenial to spiritual life. Multitudes of young men and young women of Christian faith and character have gone forth from these places of learning, like the grain of wheat which God has made, with the principles of moral and spiritual life within them, able to grow and

multiply themselves; to be an honor to God and the church, and a blessing to the world.

It is with regret, we must acknowledge, that in a number of church colleges these conditions have largely passed away and influences are fostered which are prejudicial to Christian faith and vital godliness. It is with deep solicitude that many parents are asking, "Where shall I educate my sons and my daughters?" * * *

In its short history the Free Methodist church is contributing a gratifying part to this great work; having founded and is maintaining one college and seven seminaries, where "education for character" is the chief end and aim. The Wabash conference has had a commendable part in this field of labor, especially in supporting Greenville College with her prayers, her means, and her patronage.

We note with interest that this college of our denomination stands by the Bible as the word of God, and proclaims its doctrines and labors for their acceptance in the hearts and lives of its students. We rejoice in its growth and increasing influence.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WABASH CONFERENCE

ATTICA, WESTFIELD, WABASH AND EVANSVILLE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
ATTICA DISTRICT							\$640 00					
Attica, Antioch and Black Rock.	\$10 00		\$ 56 02	\$ 2 35	\$ 325 00	\$100	45 60	\$ 50 00	3	\$ 5000	1	\$ 2700
La Fayette and Frankfort.	1 00	\$ 5 00	36 00	1 55	354 00	50	50 00	86 00	2	1800	1	500
Marshfield and Alvan.			19 98	1 90	414 33	60	47 10	14 75	1	1000	1	500
Oxford, Boswell, Templeton, etc.			26 00	2 00	368 75	60	45 50	56 37	4	5000	1	700
Henning, Bethel and Hoopeston.	1 00		55 00	2 15	475 00	84	70 54	70 50	3	3000	1	1000
Danville			95 68	2 95	556 25	150	70 00	57 00	1	5000	1	2250
Rantoul and Sugar Grove.		1 15	13 75	80	370 25	72	40 50	67 72	2	1800	1	1000
Urbana	1 52		24 74	1 00	425 25	120	40 50	88 00	1	1000	1	1500
Indianapolis Mission			25 45	1 50	*348 33		35 69	107 74				
WESTFIELD DISTRICT												
Westfield, Sidell, Casey, etc.			20 00	1 50	271 54	70	45 00		4	3000	1	800
Arcola, Tuscola and Camargo.				1 50	244 29	55	45 00	42 00	3	2500	1	800
Charle-ton					25		9 38		1	600		
Pleasant Grove, Janesville, etc.			35 54	2 50	369 49	76	60 07	51 38	4	4000	1	800
WABASH DISTRICT							644 98					
Birds, Bee Branch, Island, etc.			50 00	3 35	430 00	115	72 30		4	4000	1	1000
West Salem, Mt. Zion, etc.			60 00	4 75	406 91	60	70 00		4	2400	1	500
Vincennes, Lawrenceville, etc.		3 57	103 39	4 75	587 05	96	70 00	52 25	2	4000	1	800
Oblong.					50 00		5 00	60 00				
St. Francisville, Liberty, etc.				1 75	443 91	72	85 00	92 85	3	2600	1	1200
Mt. Carmel, Belmont, etc.			44 89		315 94	120	48 00	50 94	2	2200	2	2100
Victory and Dark Bend.					28 95		27 97		2	3000		
Wood's Chapel.										1	600	
Clay City and Ashboro.				2 95	415 00	100	70 00	56 71	2	3000	1	1000
Terre Haute	2 60	1 57	75 00	2 10	531 00		46 40		1	1500		
Sand Creek and Coxville.			20 00	60	95 80		22 81					
EVANSVILLE DISTRICT												
Evansville and Ft. Branch.			7 14	1 40	348 21	72	37 51	10 00	2	3000	2	1275
Tennysen, Bloomfield, etc.			25 20	3 30	355 00	60	0 00	22 00	3	2000	2	900
Boonville and Yanketown.					133 25		30 00	62 00				
Total	\$16 12	\$11 39	\$ 843 78	\$47 25	\$8653 11	1592	1249 86	\$1092 28	55	\$ 61000	22	\$21325

*\$344.07 raised for Indianapolis by special appropriations.

NOTE—Conference claims deficiencies raised in full by special offering.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WABASH CONFERENCE

ATTICA, WESTFIELD, WABASH AND EVANSVILLE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claim	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Mission Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missions	
ATTICA DISTRICT																		
Attica, Antioch and Black Rock.	A. F. Niswonger, District Elder.	53	7	60	1	3	21	100	3	19 74	8 46	17 70	7 05	4 70		8 00	\$41 03	
LaFayette and Frankfort.	Edw. G. Grimes.	32	2	34	2	2	10	40	5	13 95	5 38	17 67	4 65	3 10				
Marshall and Alvan.	H. J. McKinnell.	38	1	39	2	2	5	30	6	17 10	6 54	22 66	5 70	3 80				
Oxford, Boswell, Templeton, etc.	J. L. Duvall.	34	2	36	3	2	8	10	8	18 00	7 20	25 00	6 00	4 30				
Benning, Bethel and Hoopesdon.	R. E. Durian.	34	2	36	3	2	8	10	8	18 00	7 20	25 00	6 00	4 30				
Benton and Sugar Grove.	W. F. Egerson.	45	1	46	1	1	9	85	6	24 75	9 00	33 75	8 25	5 50				
Urban.	W. F. Egerson.	45	1	46	1	1	9	85	6	24 75	9 00	33 75	8 25	5 50				
Indianapolis Mission.	J. F. Erwin.	37	6	43	1	1	6	35	4	9 60	3 40	10 10	3 00	2 60				
	W. H. Haynes.	39	8	47	1	1	9	50	4	13 50	5 40	17 10	4 50	3 00			12 69	
WESTFIELD DISTRICT																		
Westfield, Sidell, Casey, Mt. Olive, Arcola, Tuscola and Camargo.	A. F. Niswonger, District Elder	28		28	3	3	10	60	5	4 30	1 50	2 25	1 55	1 00				
Charleston.	H. B. Ambler.	21		21	1	1			7	13 50	5 40	2 10	4 50	3 00			5 00	
Pleasant Grove, Janesville, etc.	Anna L. Bright, supply.	46	2	48	1	3	17	84	2	22 50	9 00	3 50	7 50	5 00		1 00		
	J. H. Jones.																	
WABASH DISTRICT																		
Birds, Bee Branch, Island, Pinkstaff, West Salem, Mt. Zion, Mt. Hope, etc.	John A. Watson, District Elder	70	12	82	2	4	20	150	19	30 15	12 06	4 69	9 05	6 70		10 00	12 00	
Vincennes, Lawrenceville, Decker.	G. W. Gilkison.	96	14	110	1	4	30	180	22	44 55	17 10	51 16	14 25	6 65		5 00	11 00	
Oblong.	Osmar P. Ellis.	91	12	103	2	2	20	200	6	44 55	17 10	6 93	14 35	9 90		8 89	40 05	
St. Francisville, Liberty, New Hope.	W. V. Miller.	44	19	63	1	3	28	118	5	15 75	6 30	2 40	5 25	3 50		30 71		
Mt. Carmel, Belmont, etc.	S. A. Landis.	47	4	51	1	2	13	60	2	21 25	11 70		9 75		1 17	13 92		
Victory and Dark Bend.	C. J. Burnett.	47	4	51	1	2	13	60	2	21 25	11 70		9 75					
Wood Chapel.	Supplied.	47	4	51	1	2	13	60	2	21 25	11 70		9 75					
Clarksburg.	Supplied.	47	4	51	1	2	13	60	2	21 25	11 70		9 75					
Terre Haute.	Supplied.	47	4	51	1	2	13	60	2	21 25	11 70		9 75					
Sand Creek and Coxville.	Wallace G. McVey.	59	5	64	1	2	19	66	6	26 55	10 62	33 63	8 85	5 90		3 15	5 00	
	George Roark, supply.	43	5	48	1	2	12	50	6	18 30	7 55	29 84	6 30	4 20				
EVANSVILLE DISTRICT																		
Evansville and Ft. Branch.	John A. Watson, District Elder	30		30	2	1	3	12	7	12 60	5 05	1 96	4 20	80				
Tennysen, Bloomfield, Millstone.	S. P. Mercer.	70	6	76	2	4	22	120	9	29 70	11 85	11 27	9 90	6 60		5 00		
Boonville and Yanketown.	E. P. Corson.	24	2	26	2				6	9 95	3 78	1 47	5 15	2 10		2 00		
	Nellie Allen, supply.																	
Total.		1042	123	1165	18	9	45	231	1720	158	\$ 440 04	\$ 186 21	\$ 253 18	\$ 167 34	\$ 90 05		\$ 85 98	\$238 46

IOWA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-sixth Annual Session, held at Knoxville,
Iowa, September 1-4, 1909

OFFICERS

BURTON R. JONES, *President*

E. A. CLARK, *Secretary*

C. L. MANNING, *Assistant Secretary*

E. F. SAMUELSON, *Statistical Secretary*

F. M. SMITH, *Treasurer*

L. MENDENHALL, E. A. CLARK, *Sunday-school Secretaries*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Burton R. Jones, W. W. Vinson, G. A. Anderson, F. M. Smith.

On Publications—T. M. Fenwick, H. A. Dalrymple, William Robertson.

On Reforms—E. A. Clark, J. S. Booton, G. M. Nason.

On State of the Work—G. A. Anderson, W. W. Vinson, J. K. Cathcart.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—E. E. Dalbey, G. G. Booton, Sherman Freeman.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretary.

On Home Missions—The stationing committee.

On Sunday-schools—H. E. Rinehart, Alberta Mendenhall.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—E. N. Miller.

On Education—L. Mendenhall, F. C. Behner.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—Burton R. Jones, W. W. Vinson, G. A. Anderson, G. W. Holmes, J. K. Cathcart.

On Charities—W. J. Trimble, Luke Scripser, William Robertson.

On Ministerial Relations—E. E. Hall, W. W. Vinson, Sherman Freeman, G. M. Nason, W. J. Trimble.

On Complimentary Resolutions—J. S. Booton, W. F. Kratz.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

W. W. Vinson, president; T. M. Fenwick, for five years; E. N. Miller, for four years; G. A. Anderson, for three years; E. A. Clark, secretary, for two years; C. L. Manning, for one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. W. Vinson, secretary; E. E. Hall, president; F. C. Behner, Sherman Freeman.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

J. K. Cathcart, term expires 1910; O. E. Gaffin, secretary, term expires 1911; L. Mendenhall, term expires 1912; G. A. Anderson, president, term expires 1913; E. E. Hall, treasurer, term expires 1914.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Carrie H. Miller, 326 Linden avenue, Waterloo, Iowa; recording secretary, Belle Vinson, Knoxville, Iowa; corresponding secretary, Lillian Manning, 818 Arch street, Burlington, Iowa; treasurer, H. E. Casebeer,

1314 Harrison avenue, Des Moines, Iowa ; superintendent of Junior work, Handy Trimble, 933 West Main street, Ottumwa, Iowa.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions, Church Extension ; second quarter, Home Missions, Permanent Fund ; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries ; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—E. A. Clark,

On Sunday-schools—F. C. Behner,

On Reforms—E. E. Dalbey,

On Education—C. L. Manning.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. C. Thompson,
G. A. Anderson,
J. S. Booton,
E. J. Fish,
Luke Scriptor,
C. L. Manning,
F. M. Smith,
W. S. Scalf,

L. Mendenhall,
W. W. Vinson,
W. J. Trimble,
T. M. Fenwick,
E. A. Clark,
E. F. Samuelson,
F. C. Behner,
R. B. Ralls,

E. E. Hall,
E. N. Miller,
J. W. White,
E. E. Dalbey,
H. A. Dalrymple,
Shirley Smutz,
G. G. Booton,
A. N. Kennedy.

DELEGATES

D. B. Shadley,
Alberta Mendenhall,
J. K. Cathcart,
Sherman Freeman,
H. E. Rincheart,
A. L. Conklin,
Carl Moring,

H. R. Eveland,
William Robertson,
G. M. Nason,
S. A. Hepker,
H. E. Casebeer,
Lizzie Forley,

O. E. Gaffin,
Jennie Fuller,
G. W. Holmes,
Clara Ingersol,
W. F. Kratz,
John Grimm,

2. Who are the stationing committee? Burton R. Jones, W. W. Vinson, G. A. Anderson, G. W. Holmes, J. K. Cathcart.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? S. L. Gilkison, I. H. West, J. B. Smith.

4. Who remain on trial? H. N. Dickson, T. J. Fuller, G. E. Lair.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? A. N. Kennedy, R. B. Ralls, from the Kansas conference of the Evangelical Association.

6. Who are the deacons? G. G. Booton, F. M. Smith, F. C. Behner.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? E. F. Samuelson.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? H. A. Dalrymple, J. S. Booton, Luke Scriptor, E. F. Samuelson.

10. Who are the superannuated, or worn-out preachers? W. C. Thompson, E. E. Hall, L. Mendenhall, J. W. White.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? E. J. Fish.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was separately called and his character passed, except Shirley Smutz.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-20. See statistics.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? W. C. Thompson, \$125; J. W. White, \$120.
- 22, 23. See statistics.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall the next conference be held? At Birmingham, Iowa, as near the last week in August, 1910, as is consistent with the plans of the bishops.

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-sixth session was held at Knoxville, Iowa, September 1-4, 1909. Bishop Burton R. Jones presided with more than ordinary ability, and to the entire satisfaction of all. His addresses and sermons were deeply spiritual and highly edifying, and will not soon be forgotten by those in attendance.

The following visitors were present and preached once each with much liberty: F. I. Waters, of the West Iowa conference; H. D. F. Gaffin, of the North Michigan conference; J. W. Whiteside, of the South Dakota conference; A. Stedwell, of the Platte River conference.

The interests of the Wessington Springs Seminary were ably represented by J. W. Whiteside, as were those of Greenville College, by H. D. F. Gaffin.

Miss Lucy A. Hartman, returned missionary from Africa, was present, and on Sunday afternoon delivered an inspiring missionary address, at the close of which an offering was taken in cash and subscriptions amounting to \$278.

E. F. Samuelson was ordained elder on Sunday morning.

Through the earnest efforts of the pastor and pilgrims at Knoxville the conference was cared for in a most excellent manner.

APPOINTMENTS

FAIRFIELD DISTRICT—G. A. ANDERSON, District Elder, 607 West Monroe street, Fairfield, Iowa

Fairfield.....	H. N. Dickson, 604 Monroe street, Fairfield, Iowa
Birmingham, Libertyville and Oak Grove....	T. M. Fenwick, Birmingham, "
Ottuma, First and Second churches.....	"
.....	W. J. Trimble, 933 West Main street, Ottumwa, "
Mt. Pleasant.....	Clara Ingersol, supply, Mt. Pleasant, "
Eldon, White Elm and Bethel.....	F. C. Behner, Eldon, "
Centerville and Cincinnati.....	I. H. West, Centerville, "
Brompton	To be supplied
Brighton and Coalport.....	John Bishop, supply, Lockridge, Iowa
Burlington, North and South Hills....	C. L. Manning, 818 Arch street, Bur-
.....	lington; Lena Gray, supply, "
Morning Sun and Columbus City.....	S. L. Gilkison, Morning Sun, "

L. Mendenhall, J. W. White, superannuated; E. J. Fish, granted certificate of good standing; E. F. Samuelson, supernumerary; A. N. Kennedy, evangelist; Shirley Smutz, G. E. Lair, left without an appointment.

DES MOINES DISTRICT—W. W. VINSON, District Elder, 602 East Marion street, Knoxville, Iowa

Des Moines.....E. A. Clark, 2011 Mondamin avenue, Des Moines, Iowa
 Knoxville and Peaceful Chapel.....F. M. Smith, Knoxville, "
 Rose Hill, Oskaloosa and Barnes City.....R. B. Ralls, Kath-
 ..arine Ralls, supply, Rose Hill, "
 Newton.....E. E. Dalbey, Newton, "
 Ackworth.....To be supplied
 Mason.....To be supplied

W. W. Vinson, member of the Des Moines district quarterly conference;
 H. A. Dalrymple, J. S. Booton, Luke Scripser, supernumerary.

CEDAR RAPIDS DISTRICT—W. W. VINSON, District Elder

Cedar Rapids and Marion.....
T. J. Fuller, Eighth street and Eighth avenue, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
 Maquoketa circuit.....To be supplied
 Toddville and No. 1.....J. B. Smith, Toddville, Iowa
 Walker and Cedar Ridge.....G. G. Booton, Walker, "
 Waterloo, Cedar Falls and Dunkerton.....
 ..E. N. Miller, Carrie Miller, supply, 326 Linden avenue, Waterloo, "
 Waverly.....W. S. Scalf, Waverly, "
 Radcliffe and Conrad.....To be supplied
 E. E. Hall, W. C. Thompson, superannuated.

LOCAL ELDERS

W. E. Boger.....Oskaloosa, Iowa	A. Zaring.....Oskaloosa, Iowa
H. S. Carpenter.....Fairfield, "	Ira F. Beach.....Moravia, "
I. H. Gorrell.....Fairfield, "	A. L. Mossman.....Radcliffe, "
S. S. Stewart.....Fairfield, "	J. M. Lute.....Morning Sun, "

LOCAL PREACHERS

J. E. Fenwick.....Des Moines, Iowa	J. H. Farley.....Ackworth, Iowa
R. W. Earle.....Des Moines, "	James Jamison.....Ackworth, "
H. Strickland.....Centerville, "	William Callintine.....Ackworth, "
F. M. Roberts.....Rose Hill, "	Henry Hepker.....Toddville, "
C. Beck....Foster, Iowa	

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—\$124.20.
 CHURCH EXTENSION—\$82.80.
 PERMANENT FUND—\$41.40.
 BISHOPS' SALARIES—\$149.04.
 CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—\$372.60.
 CONFERENCE MISSIONS—\$123.91.
 FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$68.74.
 CHILDREN'S FUND—\$18.29.
 EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$3.26.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

In submitting a report on Sunday-schools we would say, with others, that the Sunday-school is doing a great and good work. The Sunday-school is the most potent force of the church in going before the pastor and pre-

paring the way for him. And yet it is possible for the pastor to have very little regard for the Sunday-school work.

The work of our Sunday-schools is being badly crippled, in this conference, by disrespect shown the Home Department, Cradle Roll, and Teacher Training work on the part of pastors, superintendents, and Sunday-school boards. The work of the conference Sunday-school secretary will be very much hampered until there be a hearty and continuous coöperation on the part of pastors and Sunday-school boards.

In most cases where there has been a falling off in the congregations, with a loss of membership to the church, there has been a neglected Sunday-school; and where societies die out and the work goes down there has been transgression by those in authority, by omission of duty in observing Decision day, and bringing the children to Christ and into the church.

In view of these facts, and many others just as important, shall we not repent of our negligence, and omitted duties, and consecrate ourselves more fully to all the details of the Sunday-school work, thereby building up our congregations, increasing our membership, strengthening our ranks financially, and thus being fully equipped we shall go forward to certain and glorious victory in the cause of God.

II.—ON EDUCATION

Denominational schools are as necessary as different church organizations. The Free Methodist church stands for certain principles and doctrines that are not as fully represented and enforced by any other church. The children of Free Methodist parents who desire a higher education than can be obtained in our public schools should seek it under environments that will safeguard their spiritual and moral welfare. All such parents who are able to do so, would do well to have their children receive their academic education in one of our seven seminaries.

It is with a feeling of pleasure and gratitude to God that we make mention of Greenville College, the only institution of its kind in our church. Like all of our schools we believe it owes its existence to divine providence. The great moral and spiritual dangers attending secular colleges and most of those of other denominations are not found in Greenville College. While the social nature of the students is not neglected but properly cared for, sinful amusements are discriminated against, and not tolerated. The class of work done in this institution by its well-qualified teachers needs no better commendation than the high standing of this college among the other colleges of the state in which it is located. The University of Illinois has awarded its graduated students scholarships, and in this manner has attested that the work done in this college is of a good grade.

The great need of our schools is more money for better equipment, endowment fund, and additional buildings. While the buildings now in use are of a creditable character, most of them are not large enough to take care of the increasing attendance.

We will conclude this report by calling attention to the fact that the Free Methodist church, consisting of something near 33,000 members, sustains eight institutions of learning, which makes an average of about one school to every 4,000 members, which is certainly a good showing, and a standing proof that our church believes in the proper education of the mind as well as the salvation of the soul.

III.—ON CHARITIES

Your committee submits the following report:

This country is noted for its charity. When famine or pestilence visits India, China, or any foreign country, its hands are always opened; when floods and earthquakes visit our own people, as the Johnstown, Galveston, and San Francisco calamities, we are quick to respond.

Iowa has many charitable institutions which are well supported by public donations. Many churches are fostering city missions and doing much good. Our little Zion is not behind in this matter. We have some missions—four institutions; two for orphan children and two homes for old people, located respectively at Woodstock, Illinois, and at Gerry, New York.

We call special attention to the homes at Woodstock, Illinois, because they are located near to us, and are worthy of our help. Rev. E. E. Hall is soliciting for these homes and is always ready to take your subscriptions. We especially ask you to assist all worthy institutions as the Lord giveth ability, which are seeking to care for the helpless.

We believe the Olive Branch Mission in Chicago demands our attention. We recommend that our people be more liberal in support of our needy students who are striving for an education in our seminaries and college.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE

FAIRFIELD, BURLINGTON, DES MOINES AND CEDAR RAPIDS DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
FAIRFIELD DISTRICT												
Fairfield.....	\$ 2 20	\$ 38 26	\$ 2 60	\$ 328 78	\$100	\$ 84 70	\$ 14 72	1	\$ 1200	1	\$ 900	
Ottumwa.....	4 28	80 45		667 93	100	119 60	120 02	2	2500	1	1000	
Centerville and Brompton.....		37 77	2 10	446 17		67 20		2	1800	1	600	
Eldon and Hickory Ridge.....			85	308 80		76 00		1	1000	1	1200	
White Elm and Bethel.....		21 00	1 80	100 00		57 60		2	1400			
Sigourney, Delta and Brighton.....		3 52	55			29 95						
Coalport and Mt. Pleasant.....		3 59		112 86	40	22 52		2	1000	1	500	
Birmingham and Oak Grove.....	\$ 1 06	2 31	35 00	2 25	415 10	72	80 62	2	2500	1	1000	
BURLINGTON DISTRICT												
Burlington, North Hill.....		2 82	26 84	1 55	355 00	125	49 69	43 52	1	3500	1	800
Morning Sun, Columbus City.....		3 50	52 15	2 10	283 06	72	67 20	45 00	1	1000	1	1100
Burlington, South Hill.....			17 15	1 00	125 00		37 00	13 50	1	3000	1	1500
DES MOINES DISTRICT												
Des Moines.....			41 06	2 30	468 00	154	76 60	24 45	1			
Ackworth, Mason, Charlton.....			20 87		187 50	36	56 00	12 50	2	1500	1	600
Newton and Sugar Grove.....		1 20	13 29	1 25	350 00	120	49 82	03 00	2	2000	1	1600
Knoxville and Peaceful Chapel.....			60 00	2 85	360 00	96	91 20	44 00	2	1800	1	1500
Barnes City.....				45			19 68		1	700	1	425
Rose Hill and Oskaloosa.....	1 00	4 68	14 82	1 80	165 83	50	58 30	9 02	1	1200	1	800
CEAR RAPIDS DISTRICT												
Cedar Fall, Waterloo, Dunkerton.....		2 50		1 69	382 25	90	60 03	25 00	3	4000	2	2000
Walker and Cedar Ridge.....			22 00	1 35	300 00	75	43 07	21 75	2	2400	1	1000
Toddville and No. 1.....				2 15	262 00	60	83 25		2	16 0	1	700
Waverly Mission.....			4 50		65 85			2 00				
Cedar Rapids.....			44 10	2 00	490 17	100	66 86	25 55	1	1500	1	1000
Marion.....			11 80	65	46 70	49	21 10				1	600
Radcliffe.....			35				37 72				1	500
Conrad.....							11 20					
Maquoketa, Iron Hill, etc.....	5 04	42 17	1 36	366 00	72	81 50	7 16	11	5500	1	600	
Total.....	\$ 2 06	\$28 53	\$ 589 94	\$32 56	\$686 90	1411	1447 41	\$ 471 19	39	\$ 43100	22	\$19925

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CHARGE	PREACHER										Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodists" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claims	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	
FAIRFIELD DISTRICT																											
G. A. Anderson, District Elder																											
Fairfield	45	7	52	3	1	1	1	10	65	16	20 58	9 36	7 80	7 80	5 20	50 00
Clinton	70	6	76	4	1	2	1	12	76	5	27 54	12 96	10 80	10 80	7 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	79 64
Crittenden	38	22	60	2	1	2	1	1	18	90	12 18	7 56	6 30	6 30	2 07	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57 28
Clinton and Hickory Ridge	32	6	37	1	1	2	1	5	20	8	7 67	3 06	2 55	2 55	1 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 28
White Elm and Belvidere	42	9	51	1	2	1	1	12	35	7	16 30	6 48	5 40	5 40	3 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Sturgeon, Delta and Brighton	23	23	46	2	1	1	1	4	20	2	5 40	2 16	1 34	1 34	3 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coalport and Mt. Pleasant	53	7	60	1	1	2	1	15	60	10	22 95	9 18	7 65	7 65	5 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 00
Birmingham and Oak Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
BURLINGTON DISTRICT																											
G. A. Anderson, District Elder																											
Burlington, North Hill	27	1	28	1	1	1	1	6	49	8	13 85	5 68	4 65	4 65	3 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00
Morning Sun and Columbus City	41	6	47	1	1	3	1	22	130	5	16 92	7 55	6 30	6 30	4 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 70
Burlington, South Hill	19	6	25	1	1	1	1	8	40	1	9 00	3 60	3 00	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 10
DES MOINES DISTRICT																											
W. W. Vinson, District Elder																											
Des Moines	49	1	50	3	1	1	1	9	50	5	20 70	8 28	6 30	6 30	4 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29 35
Ackworth, Mason and Charlton	26	2	28	4	2	1	1	8	45	3	16 85	6 30	5 25	5 25	3 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00
Newton and Sugar Grove	23	7	30	3	1	1	1	6	24	5	11 25	3 75	3 75	3 75	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 61
Knoxville and Peaceful Chapel	68	5	73	6	1	2	1	16	73	9	25 65	10 26	8 55	8 55	5 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37 25
Barnes City	8	8	16	8	1	1	1	4	36	1	4 05	1 62	1 35	1 35	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 20
Rose Hill and Oska Coosa	39	4	43	3	1	1	1	6	36	12	16 20	6 48	5 40	5 40	3 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CEDAR RAPIDS DISTRICT																											
W. W. Vinson, District Elder																											
Cedar Fall, Waterloo, Dunkerton	34	.....	34	1	1	2	1	10	130	11	14 40	5 76	4 80	4 80	3 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45 61
Walker and Cedar Ridge	30	8	38	2	2	10	7	12	70	9	12 15	4 86	4 05	4 05	2 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 35
Toddville and No. 1	43	4	47	2	2	12	100	6	19	45	7 74	6 45	6 45	4 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42 00
Waverly Mission	5	8	13	2	1	5	15	2	100	5	18 00	7 20	6 00	6 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	62 95
Cedar Rapids	62	12	74	2	1	8	90	5	18	00	2 34	1 93	1 93	1 93	1 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marion	7	1	8	1	1	3	12	3	6	33	2 34	1 93	1 93	1 93	1 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Radcliffe	7	1	8	1	1	3	12	3	6	33	2 34	1 93	1 93	1 93	1 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Conrad	3	3	6	3	1	3	15	3	6	33	2 34	1 93	1 93	1 93	1 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maquoketa, Iron Hill, etc.	60	10	70	1	1	8	16	207	9	27 00	10 80	9 00	9 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 16
Total																											
867 117 984 383 8 35 200 1344 102 \$ 362 14 \$ 148 32 \$ 108 19 \$ 180 75 12 \$ 205 64 \$ 543 75																											

NOTE—Later report says Centerville circuit has 24 members.—Office Ed.

MINNESOTA AND NORTHERN IOWA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-eighth Annual Session, held at Ruthven,
Iowa, September 8-11, 1909

OFFICERS

BURTON R. JONES, *President*

H. L. TENNEY, *Secretary*

B. Y. NEAL, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Burton R. Jones, Burton Y. Neal, W. G. Anderson.

On State of the Work—B. Y. Neal, J. H. Noble, J. R. Claus.

On Reforms—H. L. Tenney, S. Ada Hall, Mary Heathershaw.

On Publications—F. L. Burns, W. H. Warren, C. M. Damon.

On Sunday-schools—S. Ada Hall, Martin Christiansen, C. W. Sutton.

On Charities—John Sutton, A. G. Morgan, F. R. Dean.

On Education—S. H. Upton, S. Ada Hall, H. L. Tenney.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. L. Kent, A. G. Morgan.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—John Sutton.

On Complimentary Resolutions—C. M. Damon.

On Claimants and Claims—Burton R. Jones, B. Y. Neal, J. H. Noble, J. R. Claus, C. W. Sutton.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—S. H. Upton,

On Publications—F. L. Burns,

On State of the Work—B. Y. Neal,

On Sunday-schools—S. Ada Hall,

On Education—H. L. Tenney.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

H. L. Tenney, for three years; B. Y. Neal, for two years.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

B. Y. Neal, J. H. Noble, A. G. Morgan, H. L. Tenney, F. L. Burns.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

B. Y. Neal, H. L. Tenney, J. D. Armstrong, Walter Wheeler, C. W. Sutton,
W. E. Capener.

COMMITTEE TO DISBURSE HOME MISSIONS FUND FOR NEXT YEAR

B. Y. Neal, A. G. Morgan, F. L. Burns.

CUSTODIANS OF FARM AND FARM PROCEEDS AND DISBURSEMENTS

W. G. Leeman, for three years; B. Y. Neal, for two years; J. D. Armstrong,
for one year.

COMMITTEE ON SEMI-CENTENNIAL CAMP-MEETING

B. Y. Neal, F. L. Burns, S. Ada Hall.

COMMITTEE TO DISBURSE PROCEEDS OF CHURCH PROPERTY SALES

B. Y. Neal, J. D. Armstrong, F. L. Burns, J. H. Noble, C. W. Sutton.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Home Missions; second quarter, General Missions, Permanent Fund; third quarter, Church Extension, Bishops' Salaries; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund, General Conference Delegates' Expenses.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Martha L. Tenney, Plymouth, Iowa; first vice-president, Mrs. W. G. Anderson, Winnebago City, Minnesota; second vice-president, Mrs. F. L. Burns, Riceville, Iowa; recording and corresponding secretary, Miss Florence E. Cook, Plymouth, Iowa; treasurer, S. Ada Hall, Mason City, Iowa; Junior president, Mrs. S. H. Upton, Plymouth, Iowa.

ADDRESSES

B. Y. Neal, conference treasurer, 1784 Lafond street, St. Paul, Minnesota;
Miss S. Ada Hall, conference Sunday-school secretary, Mason City, Iowa.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. M. Damon,
C. W. Howe,
J. L. Kent,
F. L. Burns,

William Baldwin,
J. H. Potts,
B. Y. Neal,
S. H. Upton.

C. W. Sutton,
H. L. Tenney,
John Sutton,

[Woman evangelist having a seat in this conference—S. Ada Hall.]

DELEGATES

A. G. Morgan,
Martin Christiansen,
Mary Heathershaw,

J. H. Noble,
J. R. Claus,
Maggie Thurston,

F. R. Dean,
W. H. Warren,
Nettie Leeman.

2. Who are the stationing committee? Burton R. Jones, B. Y. Neal, J. H. Noble.

3, 4. None.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? S. H. Upton.

6. Who are the deacons? John Sutton, F. L. Burns, S. H. Upton, W. H. Hiatt (local).

7. None.

8. Who have located this year? J. H. Potts, J. L. Kent, at their own request.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? H. L. Tenney.

10. Who are the superannuated, or worn-out preachers? C. M. Damon, C. W. Howe, William Baldwin.

11, 12, 13. None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. None.

16-20. See statistical table.

21. See report.

22, 23. None.

24. See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? The place was left to a committee consisting of B. Y. Neal, S. H. Upton, F. L. Burns; the time is to be as near the first Thursday in October, as will suit the plans of the bishops.

APPOINTMENTS

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT—BURTON Y. NEAL, District Elder, 1784 Lafond street, St. Paul, Minnesota

Plymouth and Lime Creek.....S. H. Upton, Plymouth, Iowa
Mason City...S. Ada Hall, supply, 315 West Miller street, Mason City, "
Riceville, Round Grove and Bonair.....F. L. Burns, Riceville, "
GlenvilleTo be supplied
HayfieldTo be supplied
Mapleton.....To be supplied

J. H. Potts and J. L. Kent, Riceville, Iowa, given certificates of location at their own request, membership at Riceville, Iowa; C. M. Damon, Mitchell, South Dakota, superannuated; C. W. Howe, Corinth, New York, superannuated; William Baldwin, Glenville, Minnesota, superannuated; H. L. Tenney, Plymouth, Iowa, supernumerary.

ST. PAUL DISTRICT—BURTON Y. NEAL, District Elder

St. Paul and Minneapolis.....W. R. Bon-
ham, Homer Tanner, supplies, 1772 Lafond street, St. Paul, Minnesota
B. Y. Neal, member of St. Paul district quarterly conference.

ESTHERVILLE DISTRICT—BURTON Y. NEAL, District Elder

Estherville.....John Sutton, Estherville, Iowa
Armstrong.....C. W. Sutton, Armstrong, "
Fairmont.....To be supplied
Ruthven and Capener.....Mayme McCaslin, supply, Ruthven, Iowa
Royal and Maple Grove.....To be supplied
AlgonaTo be supplied
Winnebago.....W. G. Anderson, supply, Winnebago City, Minnesota

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. H. L. Tenney...Plymouth, Iowa Miss S. Ada Hall...Mason City, Iowa

DISTRICT EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Clara Anderson, Winnebago Mrs. Viola Pollock, Randolph, Minne-
City, Minnesota sota

LOCAL PREACHERS

W. H. Hlatt..Fairmont, Minnesota

MISCELLANEOUS

Our thirty-eighth annual session was held at Ruthven, Iowa. The new society there very generously provided for our entertainment. There was quite a large attendance of visitors from over the conference. The conference business was transacted with harmony and dispatch. The religious services were marked by much of the liberty of the Spirit.

We were much gratified to meet our beloved Bishop Burton R. Jones again. He presided over the conference deliberations in his usual kindly and impartial manner. It was a source of spiritual blessing and uplift to listen to his deep, unctious sermons and strong addresses to the conference.

Rev. H. D. F. Gaffin, of the North Michigan conference, representing Greenville College, was present and preached once. He spoke in behalf of the school. He was a former preacher in this conference.

Rev. J. Whiteside, of the South Dakota conference, had charge of the publishing house interests, and also presented the needs of Wessington Springs Seminary.

Rev. E. Ballenger, of the West Iowa conference, was a visitor and preached on Sunday evening.

A missionary service was held Sunday afternoon, in charge of the W. F. M. S. Miss Lucy A. Hartman, returned missionary from Africa, spoke to the edification of all. About \$200 was raised in subscriptions, and a small amount in cash.

The assessment for Home Missions is fifteen cents a member.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON CLAIMANTS AND CLAIMS

Amount necessary to pay claimants next year: C. M. Damon, \$150; C. W. Howe, \$50; William Baldwin, \$90; Hester A. Wilson, \$150; Maria L. Cain, \$70; Luella Phillips, \$50; Mrs. H. W. Miller, \$20; Mary E. Sumner, \$45; Mary C. Wolcott, \$80.

II.—ON STATE OF THE WORK

We your committee on State of the Work, in presenting our report, do first praise our heavenly Father for His merciful care which has been over us during the conference year just passed, and we thank Him for the blessings which He has bestowed upon us. We thank Him for preserving our lives. Our ministerial ranks are unbroken; none have been removed by death as in past years. We thank Him also for the beautiful spirit of brotherly love and harmony which prevails so generally throughout the conference with, we think, but little tendency to fanaticism on the one hand, and with little disposition toward compromise on the other hand.

Several revival meetings have been held at different points during the winter months, and two excellent camp-meetings were conducted at Plymouth and at Ruthven during the summer. These resulted in much good to the church, as a number of souls were saved and several were added to the church membership at these meetings. For these blessings we are truly thankful, and we feel that the outlook in many respects is encouraging.

Yet, when all things are considered, we still feel that we have not accomplished what the Lord has a right to expect of us as a conference. Our greatest need is twofold: In the first place, we lack that general spirit or aggressive evangelism which is essential if we expect to influence the world to any great extent, and if we hope to draw sinners to the Savior whom we serve. This lack calls for much prayer, for individual heart-searching, and for active personal service. Let each member on each and all of our circuits search his own heart, and spare no personal effort to promote the revival

spirit which is so sadly needed to bring the lost world to the feet of our Christ.

In the second place, the laity of the church still need to learn the value of individual self-sacrifice. Any fair-minded person will readily admit that the personal sacrifice constantly required of the ministry is very great, almost overwhelming, while the sacrifice offered by the laity does not in any sense compare with it. Beloved, this state of affairs is contrary to God's will and purpose. He has plainly outlined, in His written Word, His own divine plan for the support of His ministry, and adherence to this plan on the part of the church would not only result in a comfortably supported ministry, but it would at the same time bring the blessing of heaven upon the laity; and it would increase the usefulness of the church a thousandfold.

God can honor, only in limited measure, the church or the people who observe only a part of His law; and the slow progress of the church, in all Protestant branches, is due in large measure to failure on the part of the laity to measure up to the standard of self-sacrifice required of true followers of the Nazarene. Our own church is no exception to the rule, and the increasing shortage in the ranks of the ministry is due to this very fact. No minister, no matter how thoroughly consecrated he may be, can feel that God requires him to continue serving a people who will allow his children to suffer for the necessities of life, while they are themselves living in comfortable circumstances. Consequently, until our laity are thoroughly awakened on this subject, our circuits will continue to be without pastors, and the church will continue to be crippled in all its departments.

We might also note the great lack of our pilgrims in attending our general gatherings, as district meetings and camp-meetings. These should be times of refreshing to our people and greater effort should be made to attend these special meetings.

III.—OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARY

I herewith submit the annual report of the Sunday-school secretary of the Minnesota and Northern Iowa conference for the conference year 1908-'09.

We are glad to report, on the whole, a marked increase in Sunday-school work throughout the conference; also a hearty coöperation on the part of pastors and people in this great work of the Sunday-school.

Owing to my work as pastor I have not been able to give the time to the work as should be given to secure the best results.

There are now in operation in the conference four teacher training classes. Two organized and one reorganized by the secretary during the past year. There are eleven Sunday-schools with an enrolment of 480 scholars and 62 officers and teachers. There are three home departments with an enrolment of 95 scholars; also three cradle rolls with 84 members. Total increase for conference, 76.

Your secretary has conducted four Sunday-school conventions, also held other meetings in the interest of Sunday-school work.

The financial report is as follows: Postage, 26 cents; printing, \$1.50; traveling expenses, \$8.82; total, \$10.59.

Receipts: Plymouth, \$2; Glenville, \$1.53; Riceville, \$1.78; Ruthven, \$6; total, \$11.31. Over and above expenses, 72 cents.

(Signed) S. ADA HALL.

IV.—ON CHARITIES

"He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment. Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt" (Deut. 10: 18, 19).

Thus was given of the fundamental principles of the church which Jesus gave His life to perpetuate and to present it to the Father without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing, which, like the leaven the woman hid in the meal,

was to spread until all should be leavened to span oceans, reach the islands of the sea, enter into the benighted lands of heathendom, till the whole world should be filled with the knowledge of the Lord.

Christ said at one time, "The poor ye have with you always;" then ought we not to give the more earnest heed to those things, and as a conference and a branch of the great militant church here make greater provision in our economy for a more systematic plan of work by our pastors preaching regularly once a year at each of their appointments according to chapter 6 of our Discipline, and by personal labor among the members, and encouraging the organizing of societies for charitable purposes; and by calling their attention to the means of our already established institutions, namely, the Gerry Orphanage, the Chicago Industrial Home, and the Old People's Rest Home?

The revelator said, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." By thus doing we shall minister to the needs of our Christ who said, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me;" and the church of the living God shall become as an army terrible with banners. "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament."

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PLYMOUTH DISTRICT												
Plymouth and Lime Creek.....			\$ 37 36	\$ 1 90	\$ 364 00	\$ 96	\$101 00	\$ 94 00	2	\$ 2000	1	\$ 1500
Mason City.....	\$ 2 15		54 28	1 80	408 69	216	70 00	40 00	1	1500	1	1800
Riceville, Round Grove, Bonair.....	\$ 4 75	1 75	21 86	2 00	614 70	100	95 14		2	2500	2	2200
Hayfield Durant Schoolhouse.....			26 00		95	34 01	54 73	16 29	1	1000		
Mapleton.....				35								
ST. PAUL DISTRICT												
St. Paul and Minneapolis.....			36 62	2 00	718 10		100 00		1	1500		
ESTHERVILLE DISTRICT												
Estherville.....			12 00	55	136 00		16 20		1	2500		
Armstrong.....			8 45	65	221 00	48	22 50	30 36	1	1000	1	800
Fairmont and Winnebago.....				1 50	100 00		100 00		1	1000	1	1000
Capener Schoolhouse.....		3 24	33 25	1 55	300 00		63 05	76 90				
Royal and Maple Grove.....				35					1	800	1	800
Algona.....												
Raised at Conference to apply on claims.....				1 65								
Total.....	\$ 4 75	\$ 7 14	\$ 229 82	\$15 40	\$2797 00	\$460	\$622 62	\$ 267 55	11	\$ 13800	7	\$ 810

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PLYMOUTH DISTRICT	Burton Y. Neal, District Elder																
	Plymouth and Lime Creek.....	40	6	46	1	2	11	120	21	\$ 17 10	\$ 6 84	\$ 9 50	\$ 5 70	\$ 3 80	\$ 61 38
	Mason City.....	33	11	44	1	1	9	196	10	16 20	5 68	9 00	5 40	3 60	47 65
	Riceville, Round Grove and Bonair.....	46	4	50	2	12	105	8	20 19	8 00	10 00	7 00	4 00	64 32
	Glenville.....	18	18	1	8	30	6	8 55	3 42	4 75	2 85	1 30	10 00
ST. PAUL DISTRICT	Hayfield and Durant Schoolhouse.....	5	5	1	1 35	54	75	45	30
	Mapleton.....	14	14	3	3 15	1 24	1 75	1 05	70	5 00
	Burton Y. Neal, District Elder																
	St. Paul and Minneapolis.....	52	8	60	1	8	30	5	18 00	7 20	10 00	6 00	4 00	20 00
	W. H. Winters, supply.....																
ESTHERVILLE DISTRICT	Burton Y. Neal, District Elder																
	Estherville.....	14	14	1	4	20	5	4 95	1 98	2 75	1 65	1 10	2 50
	Armstrong.....	11	11	1	2	10	2	13 85	2 04	2 25	1 85	1 30
	Farmont and Winnelago.....	36	33	69	2	10	9	13 00	6 00	6 00	7 75	4 65	3 10	10 50
	Capener Schoolhouse.....	50	4	54	1	1	12	73	9	13 95	4 70	8 70	4 65	3 10	53 87
Raised at Conference to apply on claims.....	Royal and Maple Grove.....	14	14	2	3 15	1 24	2 75	1 05	70
	Algona.....	6	6	3
Total.....		340	38	378	3	8	11	66	83	\$ 138 60	\$ 55 44	\$ 77 00	\$ 46 20	\$ 30 80	\$ 11 00 \$275 17

SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Forty-ninth Annual Session, held at Corning, New York, September 15-18, 1909

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*

C. J. HESSLER, *Secretary*

J. H. GRAMPS, *Assistant Secretary*

W. E. SITZER, *Assistant Secretary*

O. S. BAKER, *Assistant Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Nominations—H. L. Crockett, T. C. Givens, M. S. Babcock, W. A. Morse.

On Public Worship—Walter A. Sellew, H. W. Fish, Clare Easterbrook, O. S. Baker, S. Ghent.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—M. S. Babcock.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

On Reforms—D. C. Stanton, O. M. Owen, S. I. Folts, E. E. Pennock, C. F. Mersereau.

On Education—W. H. Clark, T. C. Givens, F. W. Cathey, C. E. Christman, E. DeF. Holden, O. P. Ray.

On Sunday-schools—G. B. Lane, C. A. Balch, F. J. Hessler, W. A. Morsé, A. M. Craig.

On Publications—T. Whiffen, H. L. Crockett, J. C. Hessler, Jacob Longrod, F. J. Bassett.

On State of the Work—H. W. Fish, O. S. Baker, S. Ghent, W. H. Clark, J. S. Bradbrook, W. E. Sitzer, E. H. Wyeth, Harry Hall, George Milem.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—C. A. Balch, E. DeF. Holden, O. F. Fero, J. G. Cole, C. C. Watson.

On Charities—J. A. Tholens, O. S. Baker, C. A. Lowell.

On Claimants and Claims—Walter A. Sellew, O. P. Ray, H. W. Fish, A. M. Craig, J. S. Bradbrook.

On Railroad Reduction—M. S. Babcock.

On Memoirs and Resolutions of Sympathy—O. P. Ray, F. W. Cathey, A. M. Craig.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

W. E. Sitzer, 352 South 3rd street, Fulton, New York, to whom all conference collections should be sent.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARY

G. B. Lane, Clarenceville, Quebec.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

H. W. Fish, O. M. Owen, C. A. Lowell, M. S. Babcock, E. DeF. Holden.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

W. E. Sitzer, O. M. Owen, C. A. Lowell, term of office expires in 1910; W. H.

Clark, O. P. Itay, J. H. Gramps, term of office expires in 1911; H. W. Fish, V. M. Foskett, George Milem, term of office expires in 1912.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

E. H. Wyeth, president, term expires in 1911; C. A. Balch, secretary, term expires in 1910; H. L. Crockett, term expires in 1912.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

<i>On Reforms</i> —O. M. Owen,	<i>On Sunday-schools</i> —C. H. Hudson,
<i>On Education</i> —O. F. Fero,	<i>On Publications</i> —W. H. Clark,
<i>On Charities</i> —M. S. Babcock,	<i>On State of the Work</i> —H. L. Crockett.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions (20 cents); second quarter, General Missions, Church Extension Fund (10 cents); third quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Permanent Fund (5 cents); fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund. A special collection of ten cents a member was ordered to be taken with the first quarter's collections for the missionary in New England; and the General Conference Delegates' collection be taken with the fourth quarter's collections. It was ordered that each Sunday-school raise \$1.00 for the Sunday-school secretary and forward the same to him.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Mary C. Owen, president, Camden, New York; Mrs. Rose C. Baker, first vice-president, 12 Washington street, Cortland, New York; Mrs. Ella S. Clark, second vice-president, 317 W. Embargo street, Rome, New York; Mrs. Helen Sitzler, third vice-president, Fulton, New York; Mrs. Alma Babcock, corresponding secretary, West Webster, New York; Mrs. J. S. Roupe, recording secretary, 7 Emerson Place, Binghamton, New York; Mrs. Charlotte T. Bolles, treasurer, Kenwood, New York; Mrs. Hattie Fox, superintendent of Junior work, Watertown, New York.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and the delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

Z. Osborne,	M. S. Babcock,	T. Whiffen,
J. D. Jenkins,	C. H. Hudson,	H. E. Barnes,
O. M. Owen,	F. I. Labrum,	C. E. Christman,
Levi Kelly,	Perry Ball,	J. C. Hessler,
L. S. King,	H. W. Fish,	J. G. Cole,
W. H. Clark,	J. S. Bradbrook,	G. B. Lane,
A. Smith,	G. M. Dunham,	E. H. Wyeth,
W. Crossman,	C. A. Balch,	John Roberts,
O. N. Frink,	G. S. Coons,	O. B. Russel,
D. C. Stanton,	O. O. Burley,	H. D. Brink,
W. J. Riker,	C. J. Hessler,	C. A. Fox,
H. L. Crockett,	C. C. Watson,	T. C. Givens,
B. J. Austin,	F. J. Hessler,	F. J. Dunham,

PREACHERS—Continued

M. H. Kendrick,
F. S. Shaw,
J. H. Gramps,
S. Ghent,

J. A. Tholens,
O. F. Fero,
C. M. Hartson,
C. M. Sanford,

O. S. Baker,
F. W. Cathey,
W. E. Sitzter,
S. I. Folts.

DELEGATES

Philo Miner,
E. E. Pennock,
Alonzo Button,
Martha Hannibal,
Hattie Fox,
C. E. Robbins,
L. E. Rowley,
George Milem,
James Fowler,
Jacob Collier,
Charles Dixon,
Jacob Longrod,
Bertha Wilcox,

Manning Smith,
George E. Ferrin,
C. F. Mesereau,
Mrs. J. G. Cole,
Flora Davis,
C. A. Lowell,
R. S. Phillips,
Clare Easterbrook,
John Brace,
J. O. Torrey,
Mrs. H. Morse,
Charles Conklin,
F. J. Bassett.

O. Griswold,
Ezra Ripley,
A. M. Craig,
W. A. Morse,
V. M. Foskett,
O. P. Ray,
E. DeF. Holden,
A. Shuenburg,
T. S. Darling,
Frank Burnett,
Harry Hall,
Frederick Stanton,

2. Who are the stationing committee? Walter A. Sellew, H. W. Fish, J. S. Bradbrook, W. E. Sitzter, T. C. Givens, O. S. Baker, T. Whiffen, S. Ghent, Charles Dixon, C. F. Mesereau, A. M. Craig, O. P. Ray, T. S. Darling, F. J. Bassett, Charles Conklin.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? N. B. Smith.

4. Who remain on trial? C. W. Wadsworth.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? C. M. Hartson, S. I. Folts.

6. Who are the deacons? H. D. Brink, John Roberts, F. J. Hessler, C. C. Watson, O. F. Fero, C. M. Hartson, S. I. Folts, R. S. Phillips (local).

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? O. B. Russel.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? A. Smith, M. H. Kendrick, J. C. Hessler, B. J. Austin, G. M. Dunham, F. J. Hessler.

10. Who are the superannuated, or worn-out preachers? Z. Osborne, O. N. Frink, William Crossman, Levi Kelly, L. S. King, W. J. Riker.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? C. M. Sanford, an elder, from the conference and church; E. O. Webster, on trial, was discontinued, to join another church.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? F. I. Labrum, an elder, to the Southern California conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

16-23. See statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall the next conference be held? The time was fixed as near the middle of September, 1910, as may be convenient with the plans of the bishops. The place was left with a committee consisting of the three district elders and the secretary of the conference.

MISCELLANEOUS

The forty-ninth session of the Susquehanna conference was held at Corning, New York, September 15-18, 1909. Bishop Walter A. Sellew presided with ability and general acceptability. His sermons and exhortations and talks to the conference were very helpful. A number of ministers from other churches, also a number of our own ministers from other conferences were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats.

The missionary meeting under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held Sunday afternoon was full of interest and inspiration. Miss Effie Southworth, Walter A. Sellew, J. P. Brodhead, and Miss Louise Calkins each spoke in the meeting, and \$1,255 in cash and subscriptions was raised for the foreign missionary work.

W. J. Riker, the pastor, was sick, so the entertainment was looked after by H. W. Fish, district elder on the Corning district, and the conference was royally entertained.

APPOINTMENTS

SYRACUSE DISTRICT—O. S. BAKER, District Elder, 12 Washington street, Cortland, New York

Syracuse and Pompey.....T. Whiffen, 149 Linden street, Syracuse, New York
 East Syracuse.....To be supplied
 Chittenango Station.....S. I. Folts, Chittenango Station, New York
 Fulton.....W. E. Sitzler, 352 South 3rd street, Fulton, " "
 Weedsport and Port Byron.....O. B. Russel, Weedsport, " "
 Oneida.....To be supplied

Z. Osborne and O. N. Frink, superannuated; A. Smith, B. J. Austin, F. J. Hessler, supernumerary; O. S. Baker, member of the Syracuse district quarterly conference.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT—O. S. BAKER, District Elder

Watertown.....C. A. Fox, Hattie Fox, supply, 325 East Moulton street, Watertown, New York
 California.....Perry Ball
 Carthage....C. E. Robbins, Carolyn E. Robbins, supplies, Carthage, New York
 Gouverneur, Talcville and Emeryville.....
L. E. Rowley, Thirza M. Rowley, supplies, Gouverneur, " "
 Norwood.....O. O. Burley, Norwood, " "

CLYDE DISTRICT—O. S. BAKER, District Elder

Rose and Clyde.....C. J. Hessler, Rose, Wayne county, New York
 Alton.....O. F. Fero, Alton, " "
 East Williamson, North Minsted..C. C. Watson, East Williamson, " "
 West Webster.....M. S. Babcock, West Webster, " "
 Union Hill.....C. M. Hartson, Ontario, R. F. D., " "
 Fairport.....F. J. Dunham, 10 Spring street, Rochester, " "

W. Crossman, superannuated.

BINGHAMTON DISTRICT—H. W. FISH, District Elder, R. F. D., Corning, New York

Binghamton and Union, J. S. Bradbrook, 9 Cherry street, Binghamton, New York
 Norwich.....C. A. Balch, 11 Sheldon street, Norwich, " "
 Ithaca.....J. G. Cole, 441 North Tioga street, Ithaca, " "
 Cortland.....F. W. Cathey, 9 Schermerhorn street, Cortland, " "
 Summer Hill.....To be supplied

Pleasant Valley.....To be supplied
 North Pharsalia.....To be supplied

L. S. King, superannuated; F. I. Labrum, granted a certificate of good standing with a view to transfer; C. M. Sanford, withdrawn from conference and church; M. H. Kendrick, supernumerary.

CORNING DISTRICT—H. W. FISH, District Elder

Corning.....G. S. Coons, 430 East 3rd street, Corning, New York
 Painter Run.....Fred Van Dusen, supply
 Atlanta and Byersville.....H. D. Brink, Atlanta, New York
 Lindley and Curtis.....To be supplied
 East Caton, West Caton and Pettigrove.....

.....H. E. Barnes, R. F. D., Corning, New York
 East and West Italy.....J. D. Jenkins, R. F. D. 18, Branchport, " "
 Sayre.....To be supplied
 Penn Yan and Guianoga.....Charles Love, supply, Penn Yan, New York

Levi Kelly, W. J. Riker, superannuated; E. O. Webster, discontinued, to join another church; J. C. Hessler, supernumerary; H. W. Fish, member of the Corning district quarterly conference.

UTICA DISTRICT—H. L. CROCKETT, District Elder, 315 Taylor street, Syracuse, New York

Utica.....T. C. Givens, 35 Linwood Place, Utica, New York
 Rome.....W. H. Clark, 317 West Embargo street, Rome, " "
 Camden.....O. M. Owen, Camden, " "
 Herkimer.....F. S. Shaw, Park avenue, Herkimer, " "
 Middle Sprite and Scotch Bush.....
Zenas Miner, supply, St. Johnsville, R. F. D., " "

G. M. Dunham, supernumerary, R. F. D. 1, Oneida county, Camden, New York.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT—H. L. CROCKETT, District Elder

Burlington and Waterville.....
J. A. Tholens, 72 Elmwood avenue, Burlington, Vermont
 St. Armand Center, and Hillside, Quebec.....
C. H. Hudson, St. Armand Center, Quebec
 Clarenceville, Quebec.....G. B. Lane, Clarenceville, "

SARATOGA DISTRICT—H. L. CROCKETT, District Elder

Saratoga Springs...J. H. Gramps, 204 Regent street, Saratoga Springs, New York
 Glens Falls.....S. Ghent, 20 Ogden street, Glens Falls, " "
 Gloversville...C. E. Christman, 178 Kingsboro avenue, Gloversville, " "
 Bolton and Warrensburg...E. H. Wyeth, Bolton, Warren county, " "
 Corinth.....Robert Phillips, supply, Corinth, " "
 Charlottesville, Jefferson and Titus Hill.....
N. B. Smith, Charlottesville, Schoharie county, " "
 Barnerville and Green Bush.....George E. Ferrin, supply
 Troy.....To be supplied

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT—H. L. CROCKETT, District Elder

Clinton and Worcester, Massachusetts.....
D. C. Stanton, South Lancaster, Massachusetts
 Springfield, Massachusetts.....Pauline Kern, supply
 Hampton, Connecticut...John Roberts, 130 West street, Clinton, Massachusetts
 D. C. Stanton, missionary; C. W. Wadsworth, supernumerary.

LOCAL PREACHERS

A. M. Craig, West Park street, Rome, New York	A. M. Kresge, 30 Roosevelt avenue, Binghamton, New York
Robert S. Phillips, 11 Sheldon street, Norwich, New York	William Sullivan, 7 Emerson Place, Binghamton, New York
O. P. Ray, 108' Winooski avenue, Burlington, Vermont	Peter Van Dyke, Fairview avenue, Binghamton, New York
E. DeF. Holden, R. F. D., Franklin, Vermont	Charles Beeman, Union, New York
Walter Tittmore, Swift Current, Saskatchewan, Canada	L. E. Rowley, Gouverneur, " "
W. W. Bartholomew, R. F. D. 5, Cortland, New York	Orson Crouse, R. F. D., Dolgeville, New York
E. D. Prentice, Cortland, New York	Godfrey H. Getsinger, Norwich, New York
Jacob Collier, East Williamson, New York	Warren Hames, West Webster, New York
C. F. Mesereau, 16 College street, Binghamton, New York	George Milem, Rose, Wayne county, New York
	Harvey Perkins . . . Alton, New York

EVANGELISTS

Ella S. Clark, 317 West Embargo street, Rome, New York	Mrs. Isabelle White, Natural Dam, New York
Mrs. L. B. Bishop, 31 Lafayette Place, Burlington, Vermont	Mrs. Thirza M. Rowley, Gouverneur, New York
Miss Martha A. Roberts, 653 5th avenue, Upper Troy, New York	Mrs. Josephine Roupe, 7 Emerson Place, Binghamton, New York
Mrs. Rose A. Baker, 12 Washington street, Cortland, New York	Mrs. Henrietta Beeman, Union, New York

TREASURER'S REPORT

RAISED FOR PUBLISHING THE MINUTES—\$35.60.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Apportioned, \$276.60; raised, \$253.98.

This amount was paid out as follows: To the pastors assigned to the herein named circuits: Union Hill, \$20; Scotch Bush, \$15; Glens Falls, \$25; Clarenceville, \$20; St. Armand, \$10; Carthage, \$20; Norwood, \$15. Appropriations for the coming year were made as follows: For missionary in New England, \$100; East Italy, \$25; Bolton, \$20.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Apportioned, \$207.45; raised, \$191.84.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Apportioned, \$138.30; raised, \$110.13.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Apportioned, \$248.94; raised, \$229.26.

PERMANENT FUND—Apportioned, \$69.13; raised, \$55.07.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Apportioned, \$622.35; raised, \$594.38.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—Raised, \$11.05.

CHILDREN'S FUND—Raised, \$32.67.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Raised, \$11.22.

On Sunday morning, \$64.20 was raised on the above deficiencies, and the remaining deficit was remanded back to the charges deficient unless such charges were exempt by vote of conference.

REPORT OF HOME MISSIONARY TREASURER—Received, \$92.60; paid out, \$82.02; amount on hand, \$10.60.

CLAIMS ALLOWED FOR THE COMING YEAR: Zenas Osborne, \$150; L. Kelly, \$150; O. N. Frink, \$150; L. S. King, \$150; W. J. Riker, \$150; William Crossman, \$100; Ellen Webster, \$70; Susan Stacy, \$70; Mary L. Clark, \$80; Nettie Dempsey, \$75; Phebe Newton, \$45.

The conference petitioned the General Missionary Board for the following appropriations: For the New England missionary, \$50; for district elder, H. W. Fish, to open work in Geneva, \$25; Norwood, \$25.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON EDUCATION

The demand for distinctively Christian schools increases rather than lessens. Cultured skepticism abounds at the centers of learning and assaults upon both doctrinal and experimental Christianity are becoming constantly more frequent and pronounced. Not only are religious beliefs assailed, but if widely published, and as far as we are aware undenied statements are to be accepted as fact, every American ideal of public or domestic life is more or less a matter of question or criticism. Even the fundamental principles of the Constitution of the United States are dubbed delusions. With the leaven of a quarter of a million of young men and women imbued with such teachings annually turned into the nation's life, the situation becomes not only serious but appalling.

These destructive agencies must be met by those of opposite but equal character. Illiteracy cannot successfully contend with trained intelligence. Intellect and experience must unite in meeting the cultured foes of our Christian faith.

On the other hand, while the highest intellectual training is desirable for our children, it will be too dearly purchased at the expense of faith in the revealed Word of God, and the destruction of American idealism. Christianity is immeasurably more as an element of individual, social or civic life, than culture. The heart rather than the head is largely the final determining factor in shaping the cast of character, and the course of conduct. An unauthoritative religion is an anomaly, and the only source of authority of sufficient force or scope is the unchanging Word of God.

Character is the true end of all genuine culture. This necessitates the training of the moral as well as mental faculties, and that according to some standard not self-originated. The heart and the head should receive simultaneous and symmetrical development. The desire of every Christian parent for their children is that, above all else, they should become Christians. If in any case this is a secondary consideration, it argues either a pitiful blindness or a radically defective type of parental piety.

It then becomes a matter of first importance to secure for them during the impressible and important years of school life such surroundings and influence as shall protect them from the contamination of unbelief, vice, or unholy ambitions, and shall tend to clearness of conviction, conversion, and establishing in Christian life.

Increasing experience and observation assure us that there is at present no safer place for the students of our families than in the schools of the Free Methodist church. The recognized standing of these institutions in the educational world is a matter of congratulation, and affords confidence that piety is not fostered at the expense of intellect, but in company with it. The frequent revivals and spiritual atmosphere which pervades our denominational institutions generally are occasions of rejoicing and hope.

We recognize and appreciate the earnest and self-denying labors of those connected with our schools as presidents, principals, and teachers, and admire the stalwartness of character which has led some to consecrate talents and culture sufficient to secure the highest recognition in the world of letters to the service of these humbler institutions, whose ability remunerate either in fame or fortune is far beneath the invitations of other fields.

We earnestly recommend to our people everywhere the patronage of our own institutions, even at the cost of additional expense or inconvenience, and are assured that results will demonstrate the wisdom and final profit of such choices.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
SYRACUSE DISTRICT												
Syracuse and Pompey.....		\$ 3 90	\$ 120 12	\$ 3 20	\$ 607 82		\$830 00		2	4500	1	\$ 4500
East Syracuse.....					300 00	36	98 24		1	1200	1	1100
Chittenango Station.....		5 86	37 42	2 10	560 00	40	70 12	2 00	1	2000	1	800
Fulton.....			58 90		480 20	120	83 75	50 00	1	1100	1	1300
Weedsport and Port Byron.....		49	18 66	1 75	360 84	72	53 90	12 20	2	1600	1	1200
Watertown.....			15 00	85	360 00	150	28 27	66 13	1	3000	1	2000
California.....					60 00		13 36	15 00				
Norwal.....			13 42				20 00	182 00				
Carthage.....												
Oneida.....			10 05		187 81		9 32		1	2500		
Gouverneur, Talcville, etc.....		30	10 69	45	265 80		13 86	24 00	1	200		
CLYDE DISTRICT												
Rose and Clyde.....			15 56	2 40	494 94	50	73 92	73 60	2	2500	1	1200
Alton.....		2 23	42 49	2 75	425 00	75	86 83	68 79	1	3000	1	900
East Williamson.....			35 00	2 15	378 15	75	65 98	5 00	1	2500	1	1600
West Webster.....			18 48	1 45	418 00	100	44 60	39 00	1	1000	1	800
Union Hill.....			19 87	1 10	301 00	50	33 88	5 50	1	1000	1	800
Fairport.....					61 00		21 67	100 00				
BINGHAMTON DISTRICT												
Binghamton and Union.....	\$ 5 00		52 57	3 15	502 58	150	29 00	40 00	2	4800	1	3500
Ithaca.....			5 60	75	416 47	200	17 08		1	2000	1	3500
Norwich.....	1 14		29 17	1 75	364 93	180	34 20	34 27	1	1500	1	1600
Cortland.....		3 08	67 69	3 30	520 57	150	22 31	37 18	1	3000	1	1200
Pleasant Valley.....	2 00		17 40	50	158 45		12 00		1	800		
North Pharsalla.....			5 00	20	47 00				1	800		
Sumner Hill.....												
CORNING DISTRICT												
Corning.....			48 20	2 80	444 29	120	89 85		1	2500	1	3000
Painter Run.....			12 42	1 45	239 38	30	42 80	19 05	2	1200	1	800
Atlanta, Byersville and Burns.....				1 15	349 39	60	42 05		2	2000	1	1600
Lindley and Curtis.....					180 00	36	9 81		2	1500	1	300
East and West Caton, etc.....			8 00	1 45	245 07	36			2	1650	1	1200
East and West Italy.....			1 66		204 78		28 67		2	1800		
Penn Yan.....		1 76	13 64	75	280 50	35	37 00		1	1300		
Sayer, Pennsylvania.....												
UTICA DISTRICT												
Utica.....		1 50	25 44	2 00	450 00	200	23 00		1	1500	1	3500
Rome.....	1 00	2 00	35 02	3 00	707 95	200			1	4000	1	4000
Camden.....	1 00	1 87	33 11	1 90	450 00	100	13 00		1	3000	1	2200
Herkimer and Ilion.....	2 04		15 00		421 27	150	28 58		1	3500	1	3000
Middle Sprite and Scotch Bush.....		1 41			301 79	40	18 65		2	1200	2	1700
BURLINGTON DISTRICT												
Burlington and Waterville, Vt.....		50	23 50	1 70	438 45	120	2 50	38 50		1	3000	
St. Albans, Vt.....				20								
St. Armand Ct, Hillside, Quebec.....			12 00	1 00	332 51	36	20 00	60 00		1	600	
Clarenceville, Quebec.....		50	9 50	85	235 13	50		4 45	1	800	1	1100
SARATOGA DISTRICT												
Saratoga.....	1 10	1 10	81 64	2 85	500 00	50	19 34		1	7300	1	4000
Glens Falls.....			12 91	1 65	401 12	150		14 50	1	1500	1	1600
Gloversville and Johnstown.....		1 00	27 44	1 55	459 00	48	23 40		1	2000		
Corinth.....			8 96	80			22 36		1	1500		
Bolton and Warrensburg.....			17 25	1 30	300 00	36	14 11	21 50	1	1000	1	1000
Charlottesville, Titus Hill, etc.....			9 45	60	287 95	30	11 75	76 67	3	2700	1	1500
Troy.....				10								
NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT												
Clinton, Massachusetts.....			17 65	45	60 61		10 00	60 92				
Marlboro, ".....												
Worcester, ".....			5 69					8 71				
Springfield, N. Adams, Mass.....				40				17 85				
Westfield, Massachusetts.....												
Hampton, Connecticut.....			12 13		62 81		10 50	5 75				
Portland, etc., Maine.....												
Bridgeport, Connecticut.....												
Total.....	\$11 28	\$29 49	\$1023 68	\$56 55	13532 50	\$175 1758 07	\$1082 43 50	\$ 95250 32		\$59950		

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE

SYRACUSE, CLYDE, BINGHAMTON AND CORNING DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER														Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claims	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionaries					
SYRACUSE DISTRICT																																			
Syracuse and Pompey.....	J. S. Bradbrook, District Elder	59	16	75	3	1	12	94	11	28	80	11	52	19	20	9	60	6	40	11	52	19	20	9	60	6	40	11	52	19	20	9	60	6	40
East Syracuse.....	H. L. Crockett.....	26	26	26	1	1	7	45	3	6	75	2	70	3	00	2	25	1	50	2	70	3	00	2	25	1	50	2	70	3	00	2	25	1	50
Chittenango Station.....	S. L. Lane.....	49	20	69	1	1	11	80	12	19	90	7	56	8	40	6	30	4	20	7	56	8	40	6	30	4	20	7	56	8	40	6	30	4	20
Watertown.....	G. E. Coons.....	50	5	55	1	1	9	76	5	23	85	9	54	7	46	5	25	1	70	9	54	7	46	5	25	1	70	9	54	7	46	5	25	1	70
Watertown and Fort Byron.....	C. E. Russell.....	30	13	43	1	1	6	20	4	15	75	6	30	7	00	5	25	1	70	6	30	7	00	5	25	1	70	6	30	7	00	5	25	1	70
California.....	C. E. Russell.....	12	18	30	1	1	7	45	5	7	65	3	06	3	40	2	55	1	70	3	06	3	40	2	55	1	70	3	06	3	40	2	55	1	70
Norwalk.....	F. G. Collett.....	17	8	25	1	1	12	12	5	5	20	1	12	1	00	1	10	1	10	1	12	1	00	1	10	1	10	1	12	1	00	1	10	1	10
Carthage.....	C. E. Robbins.....	6	2	8	1	1	6	19	1	2	25	1	25	1	00	1	10	1	10	1	25	1	00	1	10	1	10	1	25	1	00	1	10	1	10
Onondaga.....	L. E. Rowley.....	11	4	15	1	1	6	19	1	2	25	1	25	1	00	1	10	1	10	1	25	1	00	1	10	1	10	1	25	1	00	1	10	1	10
Governor, Talcville, Emeryville.....	L. E. Rowley.....	15	9	24	1	1	5	20	1	4	05	1	62	1	80	1	35	90			1	62	1	80	1	35	90								
CLYDE DISTRICT																																			
Rose and Clyde.....	J. S. Bradbrook, District Elder	48	20	68	2	1	6	25	11	21	50	8	64	9	60	7	20	3	00	8	64	9	60	7	20	3	00	8	64	9	60	7	20	3	00
East Syracuse.....	C. J. Hessler.....	56	6	62	2	1	12	60	6	24	75	9	90	11	00	8	25	5	00	9	90	11	00	8	25	5	00	9	90	11	00	8	25	5	00
East Williamsport.....	O. N. Ferro.....	44	8	52	1	2	10	80	8	19	35	7	74	8	60	6	45	4	30	7	74	8	60	6	45	4	30	7	74	8	60	6	45	4	30
West Webster.....	C. O. Watson.....	38	2	40	1	1	8	30	6	5	22	5	80	6	30	4	85	2	90	5	80	6	30	4	85	2	90	5	80	6	30	4	85	2	90
Union Hill.....	F. J. Hessler.....	23	9	32	1	1	11	65	3	9	90	3	96	4	40	3	30	2	20	3	96	4	40	3	30	2	20	3	96	4	40	3	30	2	20
Fairport.....	F. J. Dunham.....	5	4	9	1	1	6	19	1	2	25	1	25	1	00	1	10	1	10	1	25	1	00	1	10	1	10	1	25	1	00	1	10	1	10
BINGHAMTON DISTRICT																																			
Binghamton and Union.....	W. E. Sitzler, District Elder	65	6	71	5	2	12	55	13	28	35	11	34	12	60	9	45	6	30	11	34	12	60	9	45	6	30	11	34	12	60	9	45	6	30
Ithaca.....	W. E. Sitzler.....	17	17	34	1	1	3	20	4	6	75	2	70	3	00	2	25	1	50	2	70	3	00	2	25	1	50	2	70	3	00	2	25	1	50
Norwich.....	J. G. Cole.....	35	9	44	1	1	7	36	6	15	75	6	80	7	00	5	25	3	50	6	80	7	00	5	25	3	50	6	80	7	00	5	25	3	50
Cortland.....	C. A. Balch.....	72	5	77	2	1	11	99	12	29	70	11	88	13	20	5	50	6	60	11	88	13	20	5	50	6	60	11	88	13	20	5	50	6	60
Pleasant Valley.....	M. H. Kendrick.....	6	1	7	1	1	7	30	4	4	50	1	80	2	00	1	10	1	10	1	80	2	00	1	10	1	10	1	80	2	00	1	10	1	10
North Pharsalia.....		8	1	9	1	1	3	15	3	1	88	72	1	20	1	60	1	40	1	72	1	20	1	60	1	40	1	72	1	20	1	60	1	40	
Sumner Hill.....		7		7						3	00																								
CORNING DISTRICT																																			
Corning.....	H. W. Fish, District Elder	47	4	51	1	1	12	70	5	23	62	10	08	11	20	8	40	5	60	10	08	11	20	8	40	5	60	10	08	11	20	8	40	5	60
Painter Run.....	W. J. Riker.....	28	2	30	1	2	6	37	2	13	05	5	22	5	80	4	35	2	30	5	22	5	80	4	35	2	30	5	22	5	80	4	35	2	30
Albany, Byersville and Burns.....	F. Van Dusen, supply.....	23	23	46	1	1	9	10	35	4	14	1	80	1	50	1	10	1	10	4	14	1	50	1	10	1	10	4	14	1	50	1	10	1	10
Lindley and Curtis.....	H. D. Brink.....	13	13	26	1	1	3	45	1	3	50	1	80	1	50	1	10	1	10	1	80	1	50	1	10	1	10	1	80	1	50	1	10	1	10
East and West Caton, etc.....	Z. Miner.....	31	2	33	1	1	8	50	5	13	05	5	22	5	80	4	35	2	30	5	22	5	80	4	35	2	30	5	22	5	80	4	35	2	30
East and West Italy.....	H. E. Barnes.....	21	2	23	1	1	7	20	7	3	67	4	86	5	40	1	65	1	10	4	86	5	40	1	65	1	10	4	86	5	40	1	65	1	10
Pease, Van.....	C. O. Webster.....	20	2	22	2	1	8	30	1	6	75	2	70	3	00	2	25	1	50	2	70	3	00	2	25	1	50	2	70	3	00	2	25	1	50
Sayer, Pennsylvania.....	C. Love, supply.....	16	16	32	1	1	12	12	5	5	20	1	12	1	00	1	10	1	10	1	12	1	00	1	10	1	10	1	12	1	00	1	10	1	10

MISSOURI CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-seventh Annual Session, held at Mt. Moriah, Missouri, September 16-18, 1909

OFFICERS

F. H. ASHCRAFT, *President*

A. STOKESBERRY, *Secretary*

A. E. SMITH, *Assistant Secretary*

A. STOKESBERRY, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—F. H. Ashcraft, R. Medlock, Amanda Thornton.

On Sunday-schools—Frank Smutz, Oma Abbott, M. C. Thompson.

On Publications—D. W. Reed, L. Autenrieth, O. T. Gregory, Sarah Turner.

On Reforms—O. T. Gregory, R. Medlock, M. A. Ellison.

On Education—R. Medlock, A. E. Smith.

On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—Frank Smutz.

On State of the Work—A. Stokesberry, R. Medlock, W. S. Stephens.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—Charles Wickham.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Complimentary Resolutions—R. Medlock, W. S. Stephens, Amanda Thornton.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

On Claimants and Claims—R. Medlock, A. Stokesberry, W. S. Stephens, M. C. Thompson.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sabbath-schools—A. E. Smith,

On Education—O. T. Gregory,

On Publications—Frank Smutz,

On Reforms—A. Downey.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

A. Stokesberry, for three years, secretary; R. Medlock, for two years, president; L. B. Reber, for one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

D. W. Reed, president; A. Stokesberry, secretary; W. S. Stephens, treasurer; R. Medlock, L. Autenrieth.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions, Church Extension; second quarter, Bishops' Salaries; third quarter, Conference Claimants; fourth quarter, Permanent Fund, Delegates' Expenses to General Conference, Conference Missions.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mae Stokesberry, Osgood, Missouri; first vice-president, Lema Wickham, 821 Curtis street, Chillicothe, Missouri; second vice-president, Bird Reed, 2816 Patee street, St. Joseph, Missouri; Junior president, Dimpie Tompkins, Ashburn, Missouri; corresponding secretary, Minnie Wal-

radt, Ridgeway, Missouri; recording secretary, Florence Smutz, Rhine-land, Missouri; treasurer, Alice Weeden, 2905 Patee street, St. Joseph, Missouri.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

L. B. Reber,
Chandos Smutz,
Frank Smutz,
A. E. Smith,

R. Medlock,
A. D. Sprouse,
D. W. Reed,
Charles Wickham.

A. Stokesberry,
O. T. Gregory,
J. R. Bales,

DELEGATES

Amanda Thornton,
W. S. Stephens,
L. Autenrieth,

Laura Weller,
M. C. Thompson,
Charles Dickey,

Oma Abbott,
M. A. Ellison,
Sarah Turner.

2. Who are the stationing committee? F. H. Ashcraft, R. Medlock, W. S. Stephens.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? A. Downey, F. N. Redinger.

4. Who remain on trial? W. A. Ellis.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? A. E. Smith, Charles Wickham.

6. Who are the deacons? Frank Smutz, D. W. Reed, Charles Wickham, A. E. Smith.

7, 8. None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. R. Bales, A. D. Sprouse, Chandos Smutz.

10. Who are the superannuated, or worn-out preachers? L. B. Reber.

11, 12, 13. None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? L. B. Reber, \$100.

22. It was decided to raise twenty cents per member for delegates' expenses to general conference.

23. None.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Mercer, Missouri, as near the first Wednesday in September as will suit the convenience of the bishops.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-seventh session of the Missouri conference was held at Sharon Chapel, on the Mt. Moriah circuit, Mt. Moriah, Missouri, September 16-18, 1909. Rev. Frank H. Ashcraft, of the Central Illinois conference, who was

appointed to preside by Bishop Walter A. Sellew, presided with ability and grace. His addresses to the conference were instructive, and his preaching was with power and very uplifting.

The attendance was unusually large and the interest was good, and everybody was spiritually bettered. The large-hearted pastor and pilgrims did their best, and royally entertained the conference and all others that came.

Quite a number were saved and sanctified during the meetings, and the pilgrims and preachers returned home and to their fields of labor full of faith and courage.

An offering of \$133 was taken in the morning to defray the expenses of the meeting. A missionary meeting was held in the afternoon. The sermon was preached by A. Stokesberry, after which a collection of \$75 was taken; of this amount \$17 was cash.

APPOINTMENTS

ST. JOSEPH DISTRICT—R. MEDLOCK, District Elder, Albany, Missouri

St. Joseph.....To be supplied
Albany, High Prairie and Mound City.....To be supplied
Ridgeway, Mt. Moriah and Sharon Chapel.....
.....O. T. Gregory, Mt. Moriah, Missouri
Mercer, Scott Hill and Mt. Vernon.....A. E. Smith, Mercer, “

D. W. Reed, evangelist, St. Joseph, Missouri; J. R. Bales, supernumerary;
A. D. Sprouse, left without appointment to teach in Orleans Seminary.

HANNIBAL DISTRICT—A. STOKESBERRY, District Elder, Osgood, Missouri

HannibalF. N. Redinger
AshburnA. Downey
Rhineland, California and Honey Ford...Frank Smutz, Rhineland, Missouri
Center Chapel and Acasto.....B. F. DeJarnatt, supply
Mt. Olive, Pollock and Kidville.....W. A. Ellis, R. R. 3, Milan, Missouri
Osgood and Clear View schoolhouse...C. L. Crouch, supply, Osgood, “
Chillicothe and Mooresville.....
.....Charles Wickham, 820 Curtis street, Chillicothe, “

L. B. Reber, superannuated, Palmyra, Missouri; Chandos Smutz, supernumerary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$39.90.
BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$47.88.
PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$13.30.
CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$26.60.
CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Assessed and paid, \$119.70.
CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$18.62.
TOTAL, \$266.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON PUBLICATIONS

Your committee on publications respectfully submit the following report: We conclude that the printing-press is one of the most powerful and active agencies in existence. It is surely one of the wonders of the world. It has been said that “four hostile newspapers are more to be feared than a hundred thousand enemies.” Were the entire press used in the service of Jesus

Christ the outlook would be gloriously gratifying to the church of God. However, such is not the case. The devil has seized upon this wonderful factor and is running it at lightning speed for the destruction of our race. There are so many novels, indecent papers and pictures that are being scattered over our land. Also there are so many harmful influences caused through the so-called religious literature which contains theological error, some of which are Dowieism, Mormonism, No-sectism, Popery, and the theory of baptismal regeneration, against all of which we as a church should present a solid front. For if it is a true saying, that we inevitably become a part of what we read, we should guard against all literature of an evil influence, and endeavor to keep the same out of our homes. In its place we should have good, wholesome, uplifting, and solid literature to be welcomed and maintained in our homes, and should endeavor to spread the same over our land and country.

We are glad that we have good literature in our reach if we desire it, such as *The Free Methodist*, our blessed church paper, which is one of the best holiness papers in our land. We as a people should above every other paper subscribe for and give *The Free Methodist* a welcome in our homes every week. We would urge our ministers to endeavor to get our church paper into every family in our connection. Above all else we should endeavor to see that every home reads and studies the Bible—the book of all books. *The Missionary Tidings* is a good publication and should be a welcome visitor in our homes. Thereby we may keep in touch with the grand work that is being accomplished in the foreign fields by our consecrated missionaries.

We call your special attention to all the publications which are being issued and handled by our own publishing house. It is wise and always safe to make your purchases of our publishing house. The Sunday-school papers and supplies published by our church we consider the very best obtainable. Let all Sunday-schools be well supplied with the same. We recommend all the books and publications issued from, or published by, our publishing house, especially those on revivals, those denominated biographical, and those on missionary subjects.

II.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

In the capacity of a Sunday-school we have one of the largest fields of labor in which to work for God and for souls that the church has to-day. Its fields are ever ready for harvest. The Sunday-school is the strength and life of the church, and on it depends the success of the church. We believe that if the Sunday-school is properly maintained there will be much benefit derived therefrom in the way of saving precious souls, and spreading spiritual fire among the pilgrims.

We need consecrated men and women who will work in the Sunday-school as well as in other places. In order for our Sunday-schools to be a success the older ones should take a part in this service; or in other words, parents should go and take their children instead of sending them alone. Again, our work is hindered many times because of the lack of teachers. Too often the complaint is, "I can't." If this be true from a spiritual view (for we believe that teachers should be Spirit-filled), we would recommend a genuine baptism of the Holy Spirit and power of God. Then if it be true from a view of knowledge we recommend that the Sunday-school secretary be called, and a teacher training class be organized for a thorough and systematic study of the Bible.

Again we believe that our teachers and superintendents, when possible, should be chosen from among the members of our own church, for the reason that they would have the work more at heart. The cradle roll department should be established, and also the home department for the old folks wherever practicable. These we believe would create an interest in the church work in general.

We wish to impress this fact, that we are not in favor of using any other Sunday-school literature than that of our own church. Better pay a little more and get sound instruction than to pay less and get a cheap literature. We recommend our own church literature for all our Sunday-schools; and that where possible the lesson chart should be obtained for instructing the little children.

In conclusion we would make these suggestions: That the literature should not be thrown into the waste-basket or used as wrapping-paper; but after it has been used for its purpose that it be saved and then distributed to those who do not attend our services. In this way some soul may be brought to the light and may become converted. We mean by this that in the cities especially, a missionary Sunday-school may be started among the poorer class of people, and in this way be supplied with literature.

Let us as a church be more active and energetic in our Sunday-school work; and may we this year see many precious souls gathered in and saved to God and to the church.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MISSOURI CONFERENCE

ST. JOSEPH AND HANNIBAL DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
ST. JOSEPH DISTRICT							\$380 45					
St. Joseph.....			\$ 12 00	\$ 1 25	\$ 18 00	62 00	\$ 81 00	1	\$ 2000			
Amazonia.....				1 10	100 50	\$ 72	45 85	4 50	3	2200	2	\$ 900
Albany and Mound City.....				2 00	400 75	45	111 95	100 00	2	2200	1	800
Sharon Chapel, Mount Moriah.....			4 00	1 05	133 81	65	47 80	12 35	1	1000	1	700
Morcen.....			30 30	1 20	253 15	60	113 05	33 42	2	1700	2	1000
Osgood and Chillicothe.....												
HANNIBAL DISTRICT							291 15					
Hannibal.....	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	18 60	1 40	252 00	88	37 00	5 40	1	1800	1	900
Ashburn.....			31 00	1 20	93 00	13	80 00	25 00	1	750	1	750
Rhineland, California, etc.....			7 50	1 65	210 00	36	54 45	47 00	1	650	1	350
Center Chapel and Acasto.....				1 00	107 75		71 70					
Mt. Olive and Pollock.....			4 00	1 85	210 00	40	44 00		1	1000	1	600
College Mound.....				65								
Total.....	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 147 40	\$13 30	\$1778 96	\$419	671 60	\$ 308 67	13	\$ 13300	10	\$ 6000

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-first Annual Session, held at Cowden, Illinois, September 29-October 2, 1909

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*

J. A. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*

F. E. BENNETT, *Assistant Secretary*

J. G. YECK, *Statistical Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Walter A. Sellew, B. F. Ray, R. W. Sanderson.

On Sabbath-schools—X. Atchison, R. C. Nowlin, J. M. Daniels.

On Reforms—S. K. Wheatlake, C. J. Turnbow, S. N. House.

On Publications—G. W. Griffith, W. T. Branson, W. C. Kelley.

On Education—J. LaDue, E. G. Burritt, David Torrence.

On State of the Work—W. D. Cochran, W. H. Lawson, B. F. Ray.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—C. P. Ewing.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. F. Deremiah, J. O. Hockett, J. N. VanNattan.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

On Ministerial Relations—B. F. Ray, W. H. Lawson, John McLaren, C. H. Tiffin, S. D. Barritt, G. W. Hood.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—Bishop Walter A. Sellew, W. D. Cochran, W. H. Lawson, W. T. Branson, Isaac Jones.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

G. W. Hood, president; F. E. Bennett, secretary; W. H. Lawson, treasurer; W. D. Cochran, W. T. Branson.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. LaDue, for five years; B. C. Johnson, for four years; C. A. Stoll, for three years; W. T. Graham, for two years; F. L. Hall, for one year.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Home Missions, General Missions; second quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Foreign Missions; third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund, Permanent Fund; fourth quarter, Church Extension, Educational Fund, General Conference Delegates' Fund.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sabbath-schools—C. J. Turnbow,

On Reforms—F. L. Hall,

On Education—E. G. Burritt,

On Publications—J. LaDue.

ADDRESSES

M. E. Lude, treasurer, Taylorville, Illinois; F. E. Bennett, Sunday-school secretary, Cowden, Illinois.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Etta Kelley, Hillsboro, Illinois; first vice-president, Mrs. Minnie B. Johnson, Coffeen, Illinois; second vice-president, Mrs. Mollie Lawson, Vermont, Illinois; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Ida K. Graham, Greenville, Illinois; recording secretary, Mrs. Minnie Ashcraft, Greenville, Illinois; treasurer, Mrs. Carrie T. Burritt, Greenville, Illinois; superintendents of Junior work, Mrs. Lily E. Hood, Greenville, Illinois, and Mrs. Rachel E. Branson, Ipava, Illinois.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. O. Hockett,	F. E. Bennett,	A. L. Whitcomb,
G. W. Hood,	D. Kimbro,	F. L. Hall,
D. W. Sala,	S. E. Cooper,	J. G. Yeck,
D. R. Taylor,	X. Atchison,	R. C. Nowlin,
C. A. Stoll,	H. S. Stewart,	E. R. Banning,
B. F. Ray,	A. C. Damon,	E. G. Burritt,
C. J. Turnbow,	J. Adams,	J. C. Sills,
A. J. Smith,	J. L. McGiffin,	W. D. Cochran,
W. C. Kelley,	J. N. VanNattan,	R. Trever,
B. C. Johnson,	B. F. Griggs,	W. T. Graham,
S. K. Wheatlake,	G. W. Griffith,	F. H. Ashcraft,
J. F. Deremiah,	J. D. Reynolds,	W. H. Lawson,
R. W. Sanderson,	S. D. Barritt,	J. LaDue,
M. E. Lude,	C. P. Ewing,	M. H. Shepard,
J. A. Williams,	Herbert L. Smith,	B. N. Everett,

[Woman evangelist having a seat in the conference—Mayme McCaslin.]

DELEGATES

Lydia Cheshier,	Michael Smith,	P. M. Royer,
Oscar Melton,	John Smith,	Geneva Causey,
John McLaren,	Isaac Jones,	Carrie Rabe,
Minnie Edwards,	Samuel White,	Ephraim Abbott,
O. P. Smith,	Ray Nowlin,	Frank Stockton,
J. A. Adams,	John Gasaway,	S. N. House,
Maude Church,	W. H. Fleming,	Harriet Helm,
R. O. Young,	W. T. Branson,	W. E. Shuler,
H. C. Sweigard,	D. A. Torrence,	John Beese,
J. M. Daniels,	C. H. Tiffin,	Charles Bailey,
T. A. Dilbeck,		

2. Who are the stationing committee? Walter A. Sellew, W. D. Cochran, W. H. Lawson, B. F. Ray, Isaac Jones, W. T. Branson, R. O. Young.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? T. A. Bailey, W. J. Henninger, Charles Young, Guy Kyle, H. K. Biddulph, George Kline.

4. Who remain on trial? R. J. Mitchell, W. T. Klotzbach, T. H. Eaton, E. P. Boyd.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? C. A. Stoll, S. E. Cooper, B. N. Everett, J. G. Yeck, J. A. Williams, R. C. Nowlin, J. O. Hockett.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? J. D. Reynolds; C. A. Stoll and S. E. Cooper were elected, but being absent, were ordered to be ordained at first opportunity.

8. Who have located this year? I. W. Maxey, according to paragraphs 94 and 95 of the Discipline.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? None.

10. Who are the superannuated, or worn-out preachers? G. W. Hood, M. H. Shepard, J. Adams, R. Trever, D. W. Sala.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? G. W. Griffith and J. O. Hockett, from the Southern California conference; Herbert L. Smith, from the North Indiana conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? A. L. Whitcomb, R. C. McDaniels, C. L. Howland, Homer Tanner, J. W. Sharpe.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed, except J. H. Flower, who was expelled from the conference and church.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? G. W. Hood, \$140; M. H. Shepard, \$130; J. Adams, \$100; R. Trever, \$100; D. W. Sala, \$150.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall the next conference be held? As near the first of September, 1910, as is consistent with the plans of the bishops; and the place was left to the district elders and the secretary of the conference.

APPOINTMENTS

GREENVILLE DISTRICT—B. F. RAY, District Elder, 802 East College avenue, Greenville, Illinois

Greenville.....	F. L. Hall, Greenville, Illinois
Zion, Union Grove and Sorento.....	R. W. Sanderson, Sorento, "
Coffeen.....	B. C. Johnson, Minnie Johnson, supply, Coffeen, "
Keyesport, Dudleyville and Smithboro.....	T. A. Bailey, Greenville, "
Belleville and Dutch Hollow.....	John Meyhew, supply, Belleville, "
Litchfield.....	G. W. Griffith, Litchfield, "
Hettick.....	T. H. Eaton, Hettick, "
Bingham and Halford Chapel.....	X. Atchison, Bingham, "
St. Louis.....	B. F. Griggs, 3401 Morgan street, St. Louis, Missouri
Hillsboro and Irving....	W. C. Kelley, Etta Kelley, supply, Hillsboro, Illinois
East Prairie.....	To be supplied
Koonce Chapel and West Point..	Charles Ring, supply, Mulberry Grove, Illinois
Alton.....	Florence Humphry and Alice Goodwin, supplies, Alton, "

Herbert L. Smith, George Kline, H. K. Biddulph, Charles Young, attending Greenville College; Homer Tanner, transferred to Minnesota and Northern Iowa conference; Carl Howland, transferred to Genesee conference; A. L. Whitcomb, transferred to Wisconsin conference; R. C. McDaniels, transferred to Wabash conference; H. S. Stewart, attending State University; S. K. Wheatlake, general conference evangelist, Urbana, Illinois; W. T. Klotzbach, evan-

gelist, Litchfield, Illinois; J. C. Sills, evangelist, Coffeen, Illinois; F. H. Ashcraft, A. J. Smith, D. R. Taylor, evangelists, Greenville, Illinois; D. Kimbro, evangelist, Anthony, Kansas; A. C. Damon, evangelist, Meadow, South Dakota; J. W. Sharpe, transferred to Oregon conference; J. L. McGiffin, E. R. Banning, left without appointments, according to paragraphs 94 and 95 of the Discipline; J. H. Flower, expelled from the conference and church; J. Adams, G. W. Hood, R. Trever, superannuated; E. G. Burritt, president of Greenville college; J. LaDue, C. A. Stoll, professors in Greenville college; S. E. Cooper, missionary to Japan.

COWDEN DISTRICT—W. D. COCHRAN, District Elder, Greenville, Illinois

Cowden	F. E. Bennett, Cowden, Illinois
Shelbyville, Sylvan and Bethany....	E. U. Young, supply, Shelbyville, "
Laclede and St. James.....	J. A. Williams, Laclede, "
Tower Hill, Lakewood and Cold Spring....	C. J. Turnbow, Tower Hill, "
Bethany and Lovington.....	J. D. Reynolds, Bethany, "
Pana, Roberts' Chapel and Ohlman.....	J. F. Deremiah, Pana, "
Mt. Vernon.....	Bersha Green, supply, Mt. Vernon, "
Home	To be supplied
Taylorville, Fralley's Chapel and Owaneco....	M. E. Lude, Taylorville, Illinois
Vandalia and Bethel.....	R. J. Mitchell, Vandalia, "
Stewardson and Fancher.....	E. P. Boyd, Stewardson, "
Decatur.....	B. N. Everett, Decatur, "
Overcup schoolhouse.....	W. R. Garrison, supply, St. James, "

B. C. Dewey, evangelist; D. W. Sala, superannuated; I. W. Maxey, located according to paragraphs 94 and 95 of the Discipline, membership at Bethany, Illinois.

IPAVAL DISTRICT—W. H. LAWSON, District Elder, Vermont, Illinois

Ipava.....	J. G. Yeck, Ipava, Illinois
Vermont, Ray and Bethany.....	R. C. Nowlin, Vermont, "
Lewistown, Freds and Dunferline....	W. J. Henninger, Lewistown, "
Macomb and Colchester.....	J. O. Hockett, Colchester, "
Bluffs, Naples and Valley City..	M. C. Roll, Lulu Roll, supplies, Bluffs, "
Durham and Lomax.....	J. N. VanNattan, Macomb, "
Antioch, Fairfield and Corinth.....	J. A. Howard, supply, Rushville, "

W. T. Graham, evangelist, Ipava, Illinois; S. D. Barritt, evangelist, Colchester, Illinois; M. H. Shepard, superannuated.

MASON CITY DISTRICT—W. H. LAWSON, District Elder.

Mason City, Clinton and Hopedale.....	
.....	C. P. Ewing, Lulu Ewing, supply, Mason City, Illinois
Athens and Forest City.....	Guy Kyle, Athens, "

LOCAL PREACHERS

Marion Shupe	St. James, Illinois	Washington Smith	Irving, Illinois
T. A. Smith.....	Hopedale, "	P. A. Rudolph....	Mt. Vernon, "
Harry E. Wardell.....	Taylorville, "	C. L. Munns.....	Greenville, "
Charles Ring, Mulberry Grove, Illi- nois		Paul Nelson.....	Greenville, "
H. K. Jones.....	Centralia, Illinois	H. C. Sweigard....	Macomb, "
Charles Starkey....	Belleville, "	S. A. Bennett.....	East Prairie, Missouri
John Beese.....	Belleville, "	Marion Roll.....	Bluffs, Illinois
John Hull.....	Colusa, "	Allen Parker	Bluffs, "
Thomas Glover....	Belleville, "	Jacob Hodder	Bluffs, "
O. P. Smith.....	Mt. Vernon, "	E. F. Barritt.....	Colchester, "
		William Frost.....	Sorento, "

LOCAL PREACHERS—Continued

John Livesey	Woodlawn, Illinois	S. F. Fowler	Cowden, Illinois
M. W. McCarty	Decatur, "	C. A. Penwell	Vandalia, "
E. T. Ellis	Coffeen, "	Otis Pope	Vandalia, "
W. P. Cook	Greenville, "	W. Irwin	Springfield, "

EVANGELISTS

Lulu Ewing	Mason City, Illinois	Ella Smith	Greenville, Illinois
Ethel Knowles	Mason City, "	Blanche Pollock	Clinton, "
Ella Pratt	Hettick, "	Viola Pollock	Clinton, "
Mayme Gardner	Hettick, "	Lily E. Hood	Greenville, "
Minnie Johnson	Coffeen, "	Lily Taylor	Litchfield, "
Melissa Athey	Springfield, "	Dita Young	Donnellson, "
Florence Humphrey . . .	Alton, "	S. D. Young	Sorento, "
Alice Goodwin	Alton, "	Grace O. Damon, Meadow, South Dakota	
Bersha Green	Mt. Vernon, "	J. A. Faris	East Prairie, Missouri
Mattie Brookman, Mt. Vernon, Illinois		Etta Kelley	Hillsboro, Illinois
Mary Haddock	Decatur, Illinois	Amanda Hart	Lakewood, "
Nellie Everett	Decatur, "	J. E. Read	Tower Hill, "
Minnie Ludwig, Cape Girardeau, Missouri		Victoria Reed	Tower Hill, "
		Addie Ashcraft	Greenville, "
		Alma Kruse	Greenville, Illinois

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$260.10.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$312.12.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Assessed and paid, \$780.30.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$173.40.

PERMANENT FUND—Assessed, \$86.70; paid, \$69.29; balance received by subscriptions yet to be paid.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$173.40.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Paid, \$21.59.

CHILDRENS' FUND—Paid, \$16.83.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—Paid, \$2.23.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—\$838.53.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON REFORMS

Your committee on Reforms beg to submit the following report:

DIVORCE.—As a conference we still contend that the only scriptural grounds for divorce is the one declared by Jesus, namely, that of adultery; and that we will continue to enter our protest against all other grounds by the faithful preaching of the Word and administration of the Discipline. We deplore the fact that adulterers in the bonds of unholy wedlock, because of unscriptural laws, are daily becoming more numerous.

DRESS.—In these days of foolish, harmful, and unscriptural fashion fads we can but continue to maintain our position against the wearing of gold and other metals as ornaments, and also the wearing of other needless and worldly superfluities. We regret to note that some of our own people are using an unnecessary profusion of ribbons on their head-gear, which we believe to be out of harmony with our Discipline and primitive simplicity in dress.

SABBATH DESECRATION.—We will soon become a nation without a Christian Sabbath unless something of a more stringent nature than passing a set

of resolutions in conference assembled once a year is done to enforce the laws we have regulating the keeping of each holy day. As ever we are opposed to all pleasure seeking, visiting and unnecessary labor or business on the Sabbath day. We also recommend that all of our preachers preach at least one sermon this conference year devoted to this subject.

SECRET SOCIETIES.—The multiplicity of secret societies is one of the most serious drawbacks to the numerical growth of the Free Methodist church. Nevertheless we cannot afford to lower the standard erected by our fathers in this matter for the sake of enlarging our borders. We will still insist that if men and women will not leave their lodges they can have no place among us. Free Masonry with its blood-curdling oaths and Christless rites has given birth to such a large brood of secret societies that in many places it is hardly possible to find a person but what belongs to some one of these orders. We regard them all as evil in principle and wrong in practise.

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.—The destruction of the liquor traffic has been and is the greatest question in the American political arena. The fight has been hard and long, but never in the history of the temperance movement has the omens of a final victory been brighter. The admission of the liquor dealers' periodicals and the resolutions adopted by liquor dealers' conventions, and the heart-gladdening reports of temperance victories coming from almost every state in the Union clearly indicate that a spirit of alarm has entered the camp of the foe, and that in many places they are actually on the run. But this monster of iniquity, like the dragon in the Book of Revelation, is able to put up a lusty running fight in that he has a scorpion sting in his tail. The liquor traffic is pretentiously at the penitent form, confessing its sins and making great promises of reform, in that the National Model Liquor League in a recent convention passed regret that they have ever allowed more than one saloon to every five hundred inhabitants and that the saloon ever entered politics (which, by the way, admits that the two old political parties have been leagued with the saloon); and furthermore that they deplore the existence of the low down dives in their midst. They promise to reform all of such sad states of unpleasant affairs, and have the audacity to ask the good church people to come over and help them clean up their dirt. We are, however, more than ever convinced that the work of the church is not to regulate and reform the liquor traffic, which by the way would be admitting there is that about the liquor traffic as a traffic that is worth running by regulation. This not being the case, the church should sweep by her righteous ballots this totally depraved, hypocritical penitent from the anxious-seat and from the face of all the earth. We as ever believe that the Prohibition party has and is doing more to accomplish this great end, than all of the other political forces in existence. Also creator of moral sentiment it has either directly or indirectly given birth to all of the other temperance movements, and it is becoming more and more obvious that those who have thus cast their ballots have in no wise lost their votes; and in view of the fact that as the battle waxes more hot and the lines are closer drawn it becomes more clear that the two larger political parties are but tools in the hands of the liquor traffic, we exhort all of our people to vote the straight Prohibition party ticket.

II.—ON EDUCATION

To Christians the question of education is at the present time a peculiarly serious problem. The writer has been informed by an honorable Christian young man, a student at a great denominational university, that a dance a week is the average among the students there, the school fraternities leading in this and similar dissipations. Is that the kind of education for which John Wesley stood? Is it Christianity?

At another great university supposed to be under denominational control, one of the leading professors has openly repudiated all that is miraculous in the Bible, and has said that a mind which in this age can believe that miracles ever took place is a mind which he cannot comprehend. Similar to this is another professional declaration that it is a positive sin to advocate the

religion of the Bible as the world has long since outgrown it. Such declarations, it is sad to say, would have to be multiplied indefinitely in order to express the facts.

There is a flood of doubt and unbelief sweeping through the state and denominational institutions, and, as even the secular press has noticed, this flood of loose religious thought has been accompanied by a sad degree of loose living, characterized by athletic dissipation, social dissipation, and even drinking and licentiousness.

Numbers of our young people have been lost to the church, if not to God, by attending these institutions.

There is an imperative need of not merely nominal but actual Christian schools. To meet this need our own schools have been founded. Their record is before the church and the world. Greenville College has sent out more than a score of missionaries to the foreign field, teachers to each of our seminaries, and able, worthy young men and women for the ministry and among the laity. God has been with us the past year. Two special revivals were held, in the college and church, which God graciously owned, and quite a number united with the church.

The work of the school is growing, and this fall it seemed imperatively necessary to rent a separate, commodious building for the music department. There is also a crying need of a girls' dormitory, for lack of which we are badly crowded, and are apparently losing some students who otherwise would attend. Some of the teachers are filling their present position at remarkable sacrifices. We appeal to the laity at large to meet this sacrifice at a reciprocal liberality.

We invite the representatives of the college to present its financial interests upon our circuits, and pledge ourselves to render all possible assistance in placing our institution upon a sound financial basis.

III.—ON PUBLICATIONS

It appears needless to call attention to the power of the press. The world of to-day is fully conscious of the same. No greater agency is known for the presentation of thought and the propagation of theories than publication through the press. But are we fully awake to the situation? Are the people of God really aware of the tremendous activity that is displayed by some publishing concerns to supply the public with reading matter, and that all for mere mercenary purposes, regardless of the moral tone of literary productions?

No doubt we claim to be informed on this important fact, and yet it seems very necessary that, lest we lose sight of this, attention be called to it again and again. The agents of large publishing establishments go forth and distribute sample copies and sell everywhere unwholesome, questionable and most demoralizing literature, with a zeal and persistency that would reflect the greatest credit on the most faithful colporteur. The effect of this is self-evident and the appalling results thereof are visible everywhere.

In the face of these indisputable facts the duty of the church is plain and most imperative. We believe God has designed that the pen and press of the church of Jesus Christ should furnish the world with that class of literature which is calculated to convict of sin, bring to repentance, build Christian character, and counteract the blighting influence of the obscene and poisoning literature that floods the world. This responsibility cannot be shifted; it rests upon the church with a certainty that cannot be denied or even doubted.

We deeply deplore that the nominal church of to-day has been untrue to the charge entrusted to her, and that the time-serving tendency of the age has robbed her publications of that spirit of holy courage and determination with which all evil should be denounced and moral issues should be defended. In view of this great responsibility and the solemn duty that devolves upon the church we appeal to God's people everywhere to spare no means and shun no efforts, yea, to do all that is within her power to suppress evil and

polluting literature, and to produce changes in the literary realm that will be pleasing unto God.

We believe that our publications are sound in spiritual and ethical teaching, and we call special attention to *The Free Methodist*, *The Earnest Christian*, and all our Sunday-school literature. We recommend them to our people and consider it a mark of true Free Methodism to be supplied with these papers.

The report of the preachers disclose the alarming and deplorable fact that the number of *The Free Methodist* taken is insignificantly small in proportion to the membership of the conference. A rigid reform in this is very necessary and exceedingly essential to preserve the spirit of true Free Methodism among us, and we urge our preachers to put forth a greater effort in this direction and appeal to our people to subscribe for our own papers in preference to other publications.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re-ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re-ceipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
GREENVILLE DISTRICT												
Greenville.....			\$ 185 00	\$11 85	\$ 778 86	\$120	\$143 39	\$ 88 30	1	\$ 4000	1	\$ 1000
St. Louis.....			27 37	2 60	731 53		60 00	77 00	1	8000		
Cofteen.....			50 03	3 15	466 95	96	68 50	176 20	1	1400	1	800
Litchfield.....		\$ 5 50	59 64	3 40	401 13	84	62 50		1	1600	1	700
Bingham and Halford Chapel				2 65	359 48			100 00	1	4000	1	500
Belleville and Dutch Hollow			40 00	2 70	339 76	50	69 97	38 75	3	3000	1	600
Zion, Union Grove and Sorento	3 00		31 64	5 45	471 18		65 00	62 00	2	2000	1	1000
Hillsboro and Irving.....			52 50	1 31	425 00	108	32 00	12 00	2	1600		
Oak Grove and Koonce Chapel..					50 00		63 35	81 19	3	1600	1	500
Dudleyville, Keyesport, etc.....			45 08	3 10	371 23	48	40 50	9 40	1	1000	1	1000
Hettick.....			10 40		255 75			60 00				
Alton.....												
East Prairie.....												
COWDEN DISTRICT												
Cowden.....				5 40	427 40	60	87 52	25 00	1	800	1	600
Pana, Ohlman, Robert's Chapel.			44 34	3 55	467 27		64 23	20 00	3	2500	2	2000
LaCleda, St. James, St. Elmo...			41 82	4 60	481 63	60	84 26	174 21	2	2500	1	900
Tower Hill, Lakewood, etc.....			32 25	4 45	422 91	80	60 25	27 54	3	3000	1	1000
Taylorville and Owaneco.....				85	200 84		44 75	67 00	3	3000	1	500
Decatur.....			62 30	1 20	520 00	60	59 98	68 00	1	3500		
Vandalia.....			40 00		350 00		44 00	20 00	1	2000		
Bethany and Lovington.....			24 00		424 10		48 88	36 40	2	2000		
Shelbyville, Sylvan, Bethany...	\$ 2 50	2 50	30 00	1 50	171 60		26 40	3 30	3	2300		
Mt. Vernon.....		50	10 77	1 10	190 00		40 00	4 10	1			
Home.....			5 00				28 96	10 00		600		
Stewardson.....			24 00	1 15	244 04		36 00	27 52	1	1200		
Overcup Schoolhouse.....												
IPAVA DISTRICT												
Vermont, Ray and Bethany.....			24 00	1 85	314 63	72	65 08	37 55	3	4000	1	800
Lewistown.....			48 85	2 65	400 70	72	66 92	64 63	3	2500	1	1000
Antioch, Corinth and Fairfield..			40 21	2 90	406 81		88 00	16 75	4	3200	1	1200
Macomb and Olchester.....	2 23		55 00	4 55	512 00	60	88 00	20 00	2	5000	1	600
Ipava.....			10 83	1 10	300 00		65 00	68 15	1	2400	1	1200
Durham and Lomax.....			5 00	1 00	201 00		50 55	23 35	1	1500		
Bluffs, Naples and Valley City..		6 33	29 72	1 50	306 01		40 00	31 00	3	2500	1	1200
Mt. Zion.....			4 00				9 72	102 33				
MASON CITY DISTRICT												
Mason City and Clinton.....	22 00		21 00	1 80	431 55		40 75	33 00	2	3000	1	1000
Athens and Forest City.....				1 05	149 61	60	40 35	38 50	2	2000	1	300
Total ..	\$ 4 73	\$39 83	\$1104 25	\$78 41	\$11572 99	1030	\$1831 21	\$1631 17,61	\$ 79900 22	\$18400		

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GREENVILLE, COWDEN, IPAVA AND MASON CITY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER										Members	Producers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claim	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen. Conference	Foreign Mission-ary Council	Woman's Foreign Missions Society										
GREENVILLE DISTRICT																																				
Greenville	W. D. Cochran, District Elder	242	16	258	6	1	1	33	350	69	\$ 106.65	\$ 42.65	\$ 23.70	\$ 35.35	\$ 23.70	\$ 35.35	\$ 23.70	\$ 35.35	\$ 23.70	\$ 35.35	\$ 23.70	\$ 35.35	\$ 23.70	\$ 35.35	\$ 23.70	\$ 35.35	\$ 23.70	\$ 35.35	\$ 23.70	\$ 35.35	\$ 23.70	\$ 35.35				
St. Louis	F. L. Hall	52	1	53	3	1	1	4	25	4	23.40	9.36	6.20	9.40	6.20	9.40	4	25	4	23.40	9.36	6.20	9.40	6.20	9.40	4	25	4	23.40	9.36	6.20	9.40	6.20			
Jefferson	B. F. Grigg	64	9	73	1	1	1	14	100	5	30.60	12.34	6.80	10.20	6.80	10.20	5	100	5	30.60	12.34	6.80	10.20	6.80	10.20	5	100	5	30.60	12.34	6.80	10.20	6.80			
Litchfield	W. T. Klotzbach	51	3	54	2	2	2	9	55	8	23.85	9.54	5.30	7.95	5.30	7.95	8	55	8	23.85	9.54	5.30	7.95	5.30	7.95	8	55	8	23.85	9.54	5.30	7.95	5.30			
Bingham and Halford Chapel	X. Atchison	58	4	62	3	2	2	13	93	2	24.30	9.72	5.40	8.10	5.40	8.10	2	93	2	24.30	9.72	5.40	8.10	5.40	8.10	2	93	2	24.30	9.72	5.40	8.10	5.40			
Bellevue and Huff Hollow	B. C. Johnson	51	3	54	3	2	2	9	55	8	23.85	9.54	5.30	7.95	5.30	7.95	8	55	8	23.85	9.54	5.30	7.95	5.30	7.95	8	55	8	23.85	9.54	5.30	7.95	5.30			
Zion, Union Grove and Sorento	J. A. Williams	114	7	121	1	1	1	3	29	19	49.05	19.62	9.00	16.35	9.00	16.35	19	49	05	19.62	9.00	16.35	9.00	16.35	19	49	05	19.62	9.00	16.35	9.00	16.35				
Hillsboro and Irving	M. E. Lude	52	6	58	1	1	1	2	14	75	10	27.00	10.80	6.00	9.00	6.00	9.00	75	10	27.00	10.80	6.00	9.00	6.00	9.00	75	10	27.00	10.80	6.00	9.00	6.00	9.00			
Oak Grove and Koonce Chapel	F. L. Dotnager, supply	38	1	39	1	1	1	2	13	80	2	24.30	11.16	6.20	9.30	6.20	9.30	80	2	24.30	11.16	6.20	9.30	6.20	9.30	80	2	24.30	11.16	6.20	9.30	6.20	9.30			
Dudleville, Keyesport, Smithboro	T. A. Bailey, supply	12	5	17	3	3	3	8	150	9	27.90	11.16	6.20	9.30	6.20	9.30	9	150	9	27.90	11.16	6.20	9.30	6.20	9.30	9	150	9	27.90	11.16	6.20	9.30	6.20	9.30		
Hettick	J. H. Nelson	18	1	19	2	1	1	5	24	1	18.54	7.38	4.88	7.38	4.88	7.38	1	24	1	18.54	7.38	4.88	7.38	4.88	7.38	1	24	1	18.54	7.38	4.88	7.38	4.88	7.38		
East Prairie	J. C. Stills	10	9	19	1	1	1	7	16	1	18.54	7.38	4.88	7.38	4.88	7.38	1	16	1	18.54	7.38	4.88	7.38	4.88	7.38	1	16	1	18.54	7.38	4.88	7.38	4.88	7.38		
COWDEN DISTRICT																																				
Cowden	S. A. Bennett, supply	106	13	119	1	1	1	17	130	19	49.60	20.44	11.40	16.20	11.40	16.20	19	130	19	49.60	20.44	11.40	16.20	11.40	16.20	19	130	19	49.60	20.44	11.40	16.20	11.40	16.20		
Pana, Ohman and Robert's Chapel	B. F. Ray, District Elder	60	9	69	1	1	1	14	100	5	81.95	12.78	7.10	10.65	7.10	10.65	5	100	5	81.95	12.78	7.10	10.65	7.10	10.65	5	100	5	81.95	12.78	7.10	10.65	7.10	10.65		
LaClede, St. James and St. Elmo	C. J. Turnbull	87	9	96	1	1	1	15	140	9	41.40	16.55	9.20	13.80	9.20	13.80	9	140	9	41.40	16.55	9.20	13.80	9.20	13.80	9	140	9	41.40	16.55	9.20	13.80	9.20	13.80		
Tower Hill, Lakewood, Cold Spring	J. F. Deremiah	56	1	57	1	1	1	3	17	85	9	19.48	16.02	8.90	13.35	8.90	13.35	85	9	19.48	16.02	8.90	13.35	8.90	13.35	85	9	19.48	16.02	8.90	13.35	8.90	13.35			
Wayville and Owanece	W. C. Kelly	19	2	21	1	1	1	7	65	4	5.65	3.65	1.70	2.55	1.70	2.55	4	65	4	5.65	3.65	1.70	2.55	1.70	2.55	4	65	4	5.65	3.65	1.70	2.55	1.70	2.55		
Decatur	C. C. Johnson, supply	34	4	42	1	1	1	10	65	3	10.30	3.42	2.40	3.60	2.40	3.60	3	65	3	10.30	3.42	2.40	3.60	2.40	3.60	3	65	3	10.30	3.42	2.40	3.60	2.40	3.60		
Vandalia	B. N. Everett	28	7	33	1	1	1	10	30	6	13.90	5.58	3.10	4.70	3.10	4.70	6	30	6	13.90	5.58	3.10	4.70	3.10	4.70	6	30	6	13.90	5.58	3.10	4.70	3.10	4.70		
Vethany and Lovington	A. J. Smith	23	4	27	1	1	1	10	30	6	13.90	5.58	3.10	4.70	3.10	4.70	6	30	6	13.90	5.58	3.10	4.70	3.10	4.70	6	30	6	13.90	5.58	3.10	4.70	3.10	4.70		
Shelbyville, Sylvan and Bethany	E. J. Rado, ph. supply	26	7	33	1	1	1	10	30	6	13.90	5.58	3.10	4.70	3.10	4.70	6	30	6	13.90	5.58	3.10	4.70	3.10	4.70	6	30	6	13.90	5.58	3.10	4.70	3.10	4.70		
St. Vernon	P. A. Rado, ph. supply	20	1	21	1	1	1	8	25	6	5.14	3.96	2.20	3.30	2.20	3.30	6	25	6	5.14	3.96	2.20	3.30	2.20	3.30	6	25	6	5.14	3.96	2.20	3.30	2.20	3.30		
Horne	O. H. Sandy, supply	5	1	6	1	1	1	3	12	3	6.25	2.08	2.30	3.45	2.30	3.45	3	12	3	6.25	2.08	2.30	3.45	2.30	3.45	3	12	3	6.25	2.08	2.30	3.45	2.30	3.45		
Stewardson	Mayne McCallin, supply	20	10	30	1	1	1	8	30	4	10.35	3.45	2.30	3.45	2.30	3.45	4	30	4	10.35	3.45	2.30	3.45	2.30	3.45	4	30	4	10.35	3.45	2.30	3.45	2.30	3.45		
OVERCUP DISTRICT																																				
Overcup schoolhouse	W. K. Garrison, supply	4	9	13	1	1	1	3	13	1	10.35	3.45	2.30	3.45	2.30	3.45	1	13	1	10.35	3.45	2.30	3.45	2.30	3.45	1	13	1	10.35	3.45	2.30	3.45	2.30	3.45		
IPAVA DISTRICT	W. H. Lawson, District Elder	37	10	47	1	1	1	12	55	2	16.65	6.65	3.70	5.55	3.70	5.55	2	55	2	16.65	6.65	3.70	5.55	3.70	5.55	2	55	2	16.65	6.65	3.70	5.55	3.70	5.55		
Vermont, Ray and Bethany	W. J. Henninger, supply	48	2	50	1	1	1	13	90	16	28.85	9.54	5.30	7.95	5.30	7.95	16	90	16	28.85	9.54	5.30	7.95	5.30	7.95	16	90	16	28.85	9.54	5.30	7.95	5.30	7.95		
Lewis town	R. C. Nowlin, supply	68	2	70	3	1	1	15	120	7	46.00	10.40	6.80	9.70	6.80	9.70	7	120	7	46.00	10.40	6.80	9.70	6.80	9.70	7	120	7	46.00	10.40	6.80	9.70	6.80	9.70		
Andoch, Corinrh and Fairfield	J. G. Yeck	91	1	92	3	2	2	20	115	15	40.35	16.38	9.30	13.30	9.30	13.30	15	115	15	40.35	16.38	9.30	13.30	9.30	13.30	15	115	15	40.35	16.38	9.30	13.30	9.30	13.30		
Macomb and Colchesen	F. E. Bennett	28	5	33	1	1	1	8	62	7	9.90	3.90	2.20	3.30	2.20	3.30	7	62	7	9.90	3.90	2.20	3.30	2.20	3.30	7	62	7	9.90	3.90	2.20	3.30	2.20	3.30		
Ipava	E. E. Bennett	28	5	33	1	1	1	8	62	7	9.90	3.90	2.20	3.30	2.20	3.30	7	62	7	9.90	3.90	2.20	3.30	2.20	3.30	7	62	7	9.90	3.90	2.20	3.30	2.20	3.30		
Macomb and Colchesen	W. H. Lawson, supply	16	1	17	1	1	1	4	27	7	9.90	3.90	2.20	3.30	2.20	3.30	7	27	7	9.90	3.90	2.20	3.30	2.20	3.30	7	27	7	9.90	3.90	2.20	3.30	2.20	3.30		
Bluffs, Naples and Valley City	M. C. Roll, supply	34	7	41	1	1	1	13	70	4	13.50	5.00	3.00	4.50	3.00	4.50	4	70	4	13.50	5.00	3.00	4.50	3.00	4.50	4	70	4	13.50	5.00	3.00	4.50	3.00	4.50		
Overcup schoolhouse	J. N. Van Natta	8	4	12	1	1	1	6	35	8	13.50	5.00	3.00	4.50	3.00	4.50	8	35	8	13.50	5.00	3.00	4.50	3.00	4.50	8	35	8	13.50	5.00	3.00	4.50	3.00	4.50		
MASON CITY DISTRICT																																				
Mason City	W. H. Lawson, District Elder	43	7	50	1	1	1	9	42	7	16.20	6.48	3.60	5.40	3.60	5.40	7	42	7	16.20	6.48	3.60	5.40	3.60	5.40	7	42	7	16.20	6.48	3.60	5.40	3.60	5.40		
Clinton	O. P. Ewing	23	12	35	1	1	1	16	50	4	4.88	3.78	2.10	3.15	2.10	3.15	4	50	4	4.88	3.78	2.10	3.15	2.10	3.15	4	50	4	4.88	3.78	2.10	3.15	2.10	3.15		
Athens and Forest City	Bersha Green, supply	1755	187	1942	35	51	60	414	2688	288	\$ 738.19	\$ 301.36	\$ 183.60	\$ 246.72	\$ 183.60	\$ 246.72	35	51	60	414	2688	288	\$ 738.19	\$ 301.36	\$ 183.60	\$ 246.72	35	51	60	414	2688	288	\$ 738.19	\$ 301.36	\$ 183.60	\$ 246.72
Total		1755	187	1942	35	51	60	414	2688	288	\$ 738.19	\$ 301.36	\$ 183.60	\$ 246.72	\$ 183.60	\$ 246.72	35	51	60	414	2688	288	\$ 738.19	\$ 301.36	\$ 183.60	\$ 246.72	35	51	60	414	2688	288	\$ 738.19	\$ 301.36	\$ 183.60	\$ 246.72

NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-fourth Annual Session, held at Elkhart,
Indiana, September 22-25, 1909

OFFICERS

BURTON R. JONES, *President*

T. J. RUSSELL, *Secretary*

W. T. LORING, *Assistant Secretary*

T. J. RUSSELL, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Burton R. Jones, D. D. Marston, Bertha Rhinebolt.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Education—J. B. Robinette, B. R. Parks, E. F. Russell.

On Sunday-schools—M. Williams, Joseph Cryer, Earl Hooten.

On Publications—J. M. Jolly, J. W. Archer, John Harley.

On Reforms—W. T. Loring, Ellis Mellott, Samuel Croxton.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—C. W. Wade, William McFarland.

On Ministerial Relations—B. R. Parks, chairman; J. W. Archer, Ellis Mellott, Joseph Cryer, Earl Hooten, William McFarland.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—R. Callison.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

D. D. Marston, one year; W. T. Loring, two years; J. B. Robinette, three years.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

C. W. Wade, D. D. Marston, A. E. Day, E. F. Russell.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Kate Wade, president, South Whitley, Indiana; Mrs. Mary Loring, vice-president, 1318 East Creighton avenue, Ft. Wayne, Indiana; Mrs. Sarah Bowser, vice-president, 1232 East Creighton avenue, Ft. Wayne, Indiana; Miss Anna Mathews, corresponding and recording secretary, Columbia City, Indiana; Mrs. Effie M. Russell, treasurer, 1017 South Carroll street, South Bend, Indiana; Mrs. D. D. Marston, superintendent of Junior work, Columbia City, Indiana.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Home Missions (22 cents) and special collection for Sisters Gitchell and Reynolds; second quarter, Church Extension, General Missions; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Permanent Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. T. Loring,	J. W. Archer,	B. R. Parks,
J. E. Kemp,	S. H. Mathews,	T. J. Loring,
R. Callison,	J. B. Robinette,	C. W. Wade,
D. D. Marston,	T. J. Russell,	Ellis Mellott,
Monroe Williams,	A. F. Godwin,	J. M. Jolly,
J. A. Vore,	H. E. Woodard,	F. S. Parks.

DELEGATES

Minnie Pickens,	William Myers,	John Harley,
Frank Danielson,	John Galimore,	Eliza Reeg,
Earl Hooten,	Edward Russell,	Nettie Newmyer,
William McFarland,	Edward Boze,	Joseph Cryer,
Sarah F. Bowser,	Mary Keigan,	Samuel Croxton,
Lucinda Barnes,	Susan Otterson.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? Burton R. Jones, D. D. Marston, Joseph Cryer.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Carson Moore, Christian Shumaker.
4. Who remain on trial? C. S. Huston, Archie D. Shady.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? F. S. Parks.
6. Who are the deacons? J. M. Jolly, M. Williams.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders, this year? Ellis Mellott, B. R. Parks.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. M. Jolly.
10. Who are the superannuated, or worn-out preachers? J. E. Kemp, A. F. Godwin.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? A. E. Day, from the Michigan conference; J. R. Marston, from the North Michigan conference.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with view to transfer to another conference? B. R. Parks, J. W. Archer, J. A. Vore.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed, with one exception.
- 15-20. See statistics.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? A. F. Godwin, \$60; Nancy H. Reynolds, \$35.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Fort Wayne, Indiana, as near the first of October, 1910, as will suit the plans of the presiding bishop.

APPOINTMENTS

KNOX DISTRICT—D. D. MARSTON, District Elder

Knox and To To.....	Monroe*Williams, Knox, Indiana	
Medaryville	C. Shumaker, Medaryville,	"
Crown Point.....	F. S. Parks, Crown Point,	"
Springville, LaPorte and Oregon schoolhouse.....		
.....	J. R. Marston, R. R. 1, LaPorte,	"

Three Oaks, Bunker Hill and Heston..Carson Moore, Three Oaks, Michigan
 South Bend.....A. E. Day, 1311 South Rush street, South Bend, Indiana
 Mishawaka and River Park.....J. B. Robinette, Mishawaka, "
 Elkhart.....Bertha Rhinebolt, supply, 811 Princeton street, Elkhart, "
 Granger.....T. J. Russell, 1017 South Carroll street, South Bend, "

B. R. Parks, J. A. Vore, J. W. Archer, given certificates of good standing
 in view to transfer; J. E. Kemp, superannuated; J. M. Jolly, supernumerary;
 T. J. Loring, left without an appointment.

FT. WAYNE DISTRICT—D. D. MARSTON, District Elder, Columbia City,
 Indiana

Ft. Wayne....W. T. Loring, 1318 East Creighton avenue, Ft. Wayne, Indiana
 Columbia City.....S. H. Mathews, Columbia City, "
 Forest chapel and Sugar Grove...R. Callison, Columbia City, R. R. 6, "
 Fremont.....Nellie Mulholland, supply, Fremont, "
 Loraine and Bracken.....C. W. Wade, South Whitley, "
 C. S. Huston, supplying work in Kansas conference; D. D. Marston, mem-
 ber Ft. Wayne district quarterly conference.

UNION CITY DISTRICT—D. D. MARSTON, District Elder

Union City.....Ellis Mellott, 207 North Walnut street, Union City, Indiana
 Bluffton.....To be supplied
 College Corners and Upland.....To be supplied
 Muncie, De Soto and Red Key.....A. D. Shady
 G. H. Scofield, missionary to China; A. F. Godwin, superannuated.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE

KNOX, FORT WAYNE AND UNION CITY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
KNOX DISTRICT												
Knox and Toto.....			\$ 52 88	\$ 4 10	\$ 351 52	\$ 78	70 00	\$ 7 98	2	2800	1	\$ 500
Medaryville.....				90	96 49		28 25	17 00	1	1500		
Springville, La Porte, etc.....	\$ 5 45		2 30	525 25	36		67 64	29 32	1	2500	1	1000
Crown Point.....	3 55		28 88	1 10	446 84	84	40 00		1	1000	1	1000
Mishawaka and River Park.....			50 40	2 75	293 00	110	45 00	8 00	2	4300		
Granger.....			8 00	15	175 00		23 00	9 00	1	1000		
South Bend.....	\$ 3 00	\$ 10	38 32	1 70	422 17		60 00	27 50	1	4000	1	2000
Elkhart.....		52	20 87	90	176 74	100	30 00		1	1200	1	1500
Three Oaks.....			19 13		235 55		24 00					
FT. WAYNE DISTRICT												
Ft. Wayne.....				2 50	619 15	60	54 50	11 00	1	2500	1	1500
Forest Chapel, Sugar Grove.....			9 60		199 61	60	34 66		2	3000	1	1000
Columbia City and Lorain.....			12 00	95			40 00	35 00	2	2000	1	700
Fremont.....									1	150	1	150
Bracken.....												
UNION CITY DISTRICT												
Union City.....	11 95	1 50	31 33	75	160 00	60	20 00	8 00	1	1700	1	600
Red Key.....			16 54		74 67	14	22 50		1	2000		
Muncie and De Soto.....			40 00	1 67	175 00	72	24 00		1	900	1	600
Bluffton, Upland, College Cor's.....			40 40		175 32		36 50		1	700		
Total.....	\$14 95	\$14 12	\$ 368 35	\$19 77	\$4126 31	\$674	\$ 620 05	\$ 152 80	21	\$ 31250	11	\$1055 0

'SOUTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

**Minutes of the Twenty-seventh Annual Session, held at Faulkton,
South Dakota, September 29-October 3, 1909**

OFFICERS

WILLIAM B. OLMSTEAD, *President*

H. L. TORSEY, *Secretary*

J. W. WHITESIDE, *Assistant Secretary*

T. DONOGHUE, *Treasurer*

J. W. WHITESIDE, *Sunday-school Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Nominations—T. Donoghue, H. L. Torsey, J. W. Whiteside.

On Public Worship—William B. Olmstead, T. Donoghue, D. B. Waller.

On Publications—W. D. McMullen, W. C. Houts, Albert Jacobson.

On Sunday-schools—W. A. Harden, S. B. Vennard, E. W. Henry.

On Education—T. Donoghue, W. A. Harden, M. M. Cook.

On Reforms—J. W. Whiteside, H. L. Torsey, Floyd Poole.

On State of the Work—H. L. Torsey, T. Donoghue.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—B. I. Hubbard.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretary.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—W. D. McMullen.

On Resolutions—W. A. Harden.

To Visit the Wessington Springs Seminary—W. A. Harden.

To Audit the Treasurer's Book—J. W. Whiteside.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—William B. Olmstead, H. L. Torsey,
T. Donoghue, Albert Jacobson, Floyd Poole.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. W. Whiteside, president; T. Donoghue, secretary; F. Poole, treasurer; H. L. Torsey, M. M. Cook.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

W. A. Harden, secretary, term expires 1914; J. W. Whiteside, term expires 1913; H. L. Torsey, president, term expires 1912; T. Donoghue, term expires 1911; W. F. Harding, term expires 1910.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

J. W. Whiteside, treasurer, term expires 1914; C. W. Peters, term expires 1913; H. L. Torsey, president, term expires 1912; W. D. McMullen, secretary, term expires 1911; J. C. Keen, term expires 1910.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WESSINGTON SPRINGS SEMINARY

J. W. Whiteside, W. F. Harding, T. Donoghue, term expires 1910; S. Waite, J. H. Wilson, W. D. McMullen, H. L. Torsey, term expires 1911; B. Y. Neal, F. I. Waters, J. B. Collins, R. S. Vessey, term expires 1912.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—W. F. Harding, *On Sunday-schools*—J. W. Whiteside,
On Publications—B. I. Hubbard, *On Education*—H. L. Torsey,
On the State of the Work—The district elders.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions, free-will offering for the Seminary; second quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Church Extension; third quarter, Conference Claimants; fourth quarter, Permanent Fund, Conference Missions, General Conference Delegates' Expenses. Send all conference claims to Rev. W. A. Harden, Faulkton, South Dakota; and the funds of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to Alta Mae Waller, Waubay, South Dakota.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and the delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

T. Donoghue.	J. W. Whiteside,	H. L. Torsey,
W. D. McMullen.	W. F. Harding,	W. A. Harden.
S. B. Shaw,	W. C. Houts,	B. I. Hubbard,
E. J. Fish,	F. W. Drown.	

DELEGATES

Albert Jacobson,	E. W. Henry,	Floyd Poole,
M. M. Cook,	Mrs. S. B. Vennard,	Mrs. Lina Shoff,
Mrs. Alma Oaks,	Mrs. Louise Hart.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? William B. Olmstead, T. Donoghue, H. L. Torsey, Floyd Poole, Albert Jacobson.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.
4. Who remain on trial? R. O'Connor, D. B. Waller, Henry Hendrickson, C. A. Evans, D. J. Brenneman.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.
6. Who are the deacons? B. I. Hubbard, F. W. Drown.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.
8. Who have located this year? B. Gaddis, at his own request.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. F. Harding, F. W. Drown, D. J. Brenneman.
10. Who are the superannuated, or worn-out preachers? None.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? E. J. Fish, from the Iowa conference.
- 12, 13. None.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-20. See statistical report.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? Forty-five dollars for Sarah Earl.

23. See statistical report.
24. See list of appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? The place is to be selected by the district elders; the time as near the first Wednesday of October, 1910, as will suit the plans of the bishop who is to preside.

APPOINTMENTS

SIoux FALLS DISTRICT—HERBERT L. TORSEY, District Elder, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Sioux FallsTo be supplied
 Wall LakeTo be supplied
 BeresfordC. A. Evans, Beresford, South Dakota
 Mt. Pleasant and Lake county
Campbell Tavener, supply, R. F. D., Madison, " "
 Boyden, Rock Rapids and ParkerTo be supplied
 Herbert L. Torsey, member of Sioux Falls district quarterly conference.

NORTH DISTRICT—HERBERT L. TORSEY, District Elder

ViennaJames H. Spicer, supply, Vienna, South Dakota
 Ortley circuitD. B. Waller, Waubay, " "
 BertonTo be supplied
 Burgess Gaddis, located at his own request, membership fixed at Berton.
 Howard, South Dakota.

WESSINGTON SPRINGS DISTRICT—TIMOTHY DONOGHUE, District Elder, Wessington Springs, South Dakota

Wessington SpringsD. McMullen, Wessington Springs, South Dakota
 Woonsocket circuit and Farnsworth
W. C. Houts, Wessington Springs, " "
 Hand countyH. J. Starkey, supply, Bates, " "
 Olivet and ParkstonS. B. Shaw, Olivet, " "
 MitchellTo be supplied

Timothy Donoghue, member of Wessington Springs district quarterly conference; J. W. Whiteside, evangelist and financial agent of Wessington Springs Seminary; Henry Hendrickson, teacher in Wessington Springs Seminary; W. F. Harding, F. W. Drown, D. J. Brenneman, supernumerary.

FAULKTON DISTRICT—TIMOTHY DONOGHUE, District Elder

Faulkton and LibertyW. A. Harden, Faulkton, South Dakota
 Hyde county and BurkmereRoderic O'Connor, Dunsmore, " "

WESTERN DISTRICT—TIMOTHY DONOGHUE, District Elder

Draper circuitB. I. Hubbard, Draper, South Dakota
 KennebecG. H. Andrews, supply, Kennebec, " "
 ScenicG. W. Johnston, supply, Scenic, " "
 Stanley countyA. J. Damon, supply, Fort Pierre, " "
 Perkins countyA. C. Damon, supply, Meadow, " "
 HettingerW. A. Greenup, supply, Hettinger, North Dakota
 E. J. Fish, Creighton, South Dakota, conference missionary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—Apportioned and paid, \$55.05.
 BISHOPS' SALARIES—Apportioned and paid, \$66.06.
 CHURCH EXTENSION—Apportioned and paid, \$36.70.
 CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$165.15.
 PERMANENT FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$18.35.
 CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Apportioned and paid, \$73.40.
 CHILDREN'S DAY FUND—\$6.15.
 FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$25.65.
 EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$20.18.
 SEMINARY—\$35.76.
 WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Total of all funds, \$616.72.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

A great statesman has declared that no institution did our country owe more than to the Sunday-school. Dr. H. Clay Trumbull made the statement that between thirty and forty millions of people in this country are studying the Bible through the Sunday-school. This is gratifying and cheering when contrasted with the neglect of the Bible in the public schools, and the open hostility to it in many of the higher institutions of learning.

We would urge upon all our people, both pastors and laymen, the importance of engaging in this good work. Shall we not put forth every effort to build up the schools that are run down, and to organize new ones wherever practicable? Vastly better is the chance for eternity of that child who grows up under the influence of the Sabbath-school, imbibing Bible truths and associating with godly teachers, than is that of the child who learns to disregard the Sabbath, and considers it a day of sport. We believe it far better for our people whenever it is possible, to organize Free Methodist schools than to assist in carrying on union schools.

We believe the Sunday-school literature published by the Free Methodist publishing house to be the best available, and would urge its use in all our schools.

We heartily endorse the efforts and plans that are being put forth to more successfully carry on the good work among us, such as the election of conference Sabbath-school secretaries, the teacher's training course, et cetera, and urge that our people do all possible to encourage and coöperate with these movements.

II.—ON REFORMS

We believe it necessary to continue to put ourselves on record in reference to reforms. As a church we stand second to none with regard to the question of moral reform.

1. **INTEMPERANCE.**—We see the downfall of the liquor traffic, and hail the day with delight; yet there remains much to be done. Satan's forces are at work as never before, and the forces of righteousness must unite and oppose the infernal traffic with voice and vote. Let us as a conference and people stand solidly for prohibition, and give no support to any party that does not stand committed for the overthrow of the liquor traffic.

2. **SECRECY.**—We believe that oath-bound secret societies are a menace to our free institutions, are opposed to the spirit of Christianity, and have become one of the greatest hindrances to the development of spiritual life. We regard them as dangerous and fear that many are being deceived into

accepting some of these orders as a sufficient religion, and not discerning their false standards of morals, benevolences and charity, support the lodge rather than the church, and give honor which belongs to God to ungodly institutions; ignoring the injunction of the apostle, "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." Our attitude toward these orders has been wisely taken and must be maintained, and all legitimate means used to convince people of the evils of secrecy.

3. THE SABBATH.—We deplore the fact that as a whole America is becoming more and more a nation of Sabbath-breakers. Sunday traffic, Sunday amusements, and Sunday labor are on the increase. We are not entirely responsible for this condition of things, yet we are responsible to the extent of our united efforts to overthrow this evil. Therefore, let us speak out against this evil—Sabbath desecration, especially the more common forms of it, such as the opening of stores, post-offices, telephone offices, markets, places of amusement, *et cetera*; and then by example as well as precept discourage Sunday visiting and everything that would destroy the sanctity of the day.

4. WORLDLY ATTIRE.—We must continue to maintain our position on the question of worldly adorning. We regard it a live issue to-day. While we are pleased to note the disposition of our people as a whole to conform to Bible standards of simplicity, yet we deem it advisable to exhort them to "be not conformed to this world" but to "set your affection on things above." Knowing the origin of the latest fashions, we should urge such close communion with God that there will be but little temptation along these lines. If not on our guard this evil will become a serious obstruction in the advancement of our work. We protest against the low-necked dresses and peek-a-boob waists so commonly worn of late; also the big hats, and the superfluous bows and ribbons.

We suggest, (1) That our pastors be careful to give proper instruction on these lines, and in their pastoral visitations deal gently, but firmly, with those who do not act in harmony with the spirit of our Discipline on this question; (2) That they guard against anything slovenly or that is unclean, and set examples of neatness and cleanliness everywhere.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

SIOUX FALLS, NORTH, WESSINGTON SPRINGS AND NORTHWEST DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT												
Sioux Falls and Wall Lake.....			\$ 37 62	\$ 2 55	\$*386 88	100	74 35	\$ 86 00	2	\$ 4000	3	\$ 4200
Beresford.....			52 00	1 00	310 77	120	56 75	45 00	1	2500	1	1200
Mt. Pleasant and Lake County..			12 00	1 00	40 50		50 48					
Boyden, Rock Rapids, Parker ..				45			42 00		1	1200	1	1400
NORTH DISTRICT												
Vienna.....	\$ 3 20	\$ 1 00	45 00	1 65	175 00	20	60 65		1	2000	1	1250
Ortley.....			23 67	90	260 98		57 68	40 00	1	1500		
Berton and Farnsworth.....				55			49 28					
WESSINGTON SPRINGS DISTRICT												
Wessington Springs	20 18		92 55	3 00	548 98	84	93 34	16 35			2	3500
Alpena and Forestburg.....			45	45	338 00	96	32 30				1	1200
Hand County.....	4 20		21 09	1 05	158 89		67 96	300 00	1	1900		
Mitchell and Parkston.....					85 00	50	21 81		1	1200	1	800
Olivet.....				80		30	46 22		2	1100	1	550
Lyman County.....			20 00	65	190 00		20 36					
NORTHWEST DISTRICT												
Faulkton and Liberty.....		3 35	38 00	1 75	400 00	120	64 45		2	3000	1	1600
Hyde County and Burkmere.....		1 89	16 00	1 40	308 75	50	60 93					
Total.....	\$27 58	\$ 6 15	\$ 387 84	\$17 20	\$3213 75	\$910	\$940 53	\$ 487 35	12	\$ 19400	12	\$15700

*\$72.88 paid F. M. Lehman, supply at Wall Lake.

NORTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twelfth Annual Session, held at Gardner, North Dakota, October 6-9, 1909

OFFICERS

ALEXANDER BEERS, *President*

W. S. BALLENGER, *Secretary* J. H. WILSON, *Assistant Secretary*

O. E. McCracken, *Statistical Secretary* JOHN MORAN, *Treasurer*

O. E. McCracken, *Sabbath-school Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—A. Beers, W. S. Ballenger, J. H. Wilson.

On Publications—O. E. McCracken, George Klein, W. W. Bemis.

On State of the Work—W. S. Ballenger.

On Reforms—George T. Klein, J. M. Upton, J. W. Searing.

On Education—J. H. Wilson, O. E. McCracken.

On Sabbath-schools—George Klein, H. G. Bachman.

On Publishing the Minutes—W. S. Ballenger, J. H. Wilson.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—J. W. Searing.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—E. P. Zellar, J. M. Upton.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—A. Beers, W. S. Ballenger, J. H. Wilson, J. M. Upton, J. W. Searing.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. S. Ballenger, president; George Klein, secretary; John Dynes, treasurer; J. H. Wilson, O. E. McCracken.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. H. Wilson, secretary, time expires 1912; O. E. McCracken, time expires 1911; W. S. Ballenger, president, time expires 1910.

CONFERENCE HOME MISSION BOARD

John Moran, president; J. H. Wilson; John Dynes, treasurer; W. S. Ballenger; C. F. Klein, secretary.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

J. H. Wilson, time expires 1912; John Dynes, time expires 1912; W. S. Ballenger, time expires 1911; W. W. Bemis, time expires 1911; John Moran, time expires 1910.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

In Publications—George Klein, *On Reforms*—O. E. McCracken,

In State of the Work—John Moran, *On Education*—J. H. Wilson,

On Sabbath-schools—H. G. Bachman.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions, Church Extension; second quarter, Home

Missions; third quarter, Bishops' Claim, Permanent Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. L. M. Ballenger; first vice-president, Mrs. Anna M. Warren; second vice-president, Mrs. Lillian Poole; corresponding secretary, Iva L. Weintz; recording secretary, Mrs. Ella Klein; treasurer, Mrs. Sarah Northup; superintendent of Junior work, Mrs. Hattie Bemis.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. S. Ballenger,	F. A. Reeves,	John Moran.
J. E. McCracken,	J. H. Wilson,	George Klein.
H. G. Bachman,	Vern D. Poole,	C. F. Klein.

DELEGATES

J. M. Upton,	J. W. Searing,	E. P. Zellar,
J. E. Williams,	W. W. Bemis,	William Eberly,
Mrs. J. E. Peck,	Mrs. E. T. Oliver.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? Alexander Beers, W. S. Ballenger, J. W. Searing.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.
4. Who remain on trial? D. B. Weintz, Ora E. Edwards.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.
6. Who are the deacons? Vern D. Poole, C. F. Klein.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. None.
10. Who are the superannuated, or worn-out preachers? F. A. Reeves, 11-13.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-20. See statistical report.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? F. A. Reeves, \$25.
- 22, 23. See statistics.
24. See appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Fargo, North Dakota, not earlier than the first Wednesday in October, 1910.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twelfth annual session of this conference was held at Gardner, North Dakota, October 6-9. The Lord was manifestly present from the first to

the last. Alexander Beers presided (by the appointment of Bishop Burton R. Jones) with ease and acceptability.

The religious services were owned of God. The preaching was in the Spirit and of a high order, and much appreciated by those permitted to hear. The talks given to the conference by Brother Beers were both entertaining and edifying. While we were somewhat disappointed in not having our bishop present, we all will be glad to have Brother Beers come again.

The appointments were well received, and we go forth to another year of toil, expecting to see victory in Jesus' name.

Rev. J. W. Whiteside represented the publishing house and Wessington Springs Seminary, and did a fair business for both.

The missionary address given by Sister Lucy A. Hartman Saturday afternoon was much appreciated by those who were present.

With much to humble us and more to encourage we feel like driving the battle on.

APPOINTMENTS

FARGO DISTRICT—JOHN MORAN, District Elder, Charlson, North Dakota

Fargo.....	O. E. McCracken, 1410 1st avenue, South, Fargo, North Dakota		
Gardner.....	J. H. Wilson, Gardner,	"	"
Larimore and Crary.....	H. G. Bachman, Larimore,	"	"
Grand Prairie.....	George T. Klein, Ashtabula,	"	"
Jamestown..	D. B. Weintz, Iva L. Weintz, supply, Jamestown,	"	"
Glenfield and Courtenay.....	O. E. Edwards, Courtenay,	"	"

MINOT DISTRICT—JOHN MORAN, District Elder

Minot.....	L. S. Eberly, Marie Eberly, supplies, Minot, North Dakota		
Deering.....	C. F. Klein, Deering,	"	"
Tagus.....	E. P. Zeller, supply, Tagus,	"	"
Wilton and McClusky.....	Vern D. Poole, Wilton,	"	"
McKenzie county.....	W. S. Ballenger, Mrs. L. M. Ballenger, supply, Charlson,	"	"
Spring Brook and Angie.....	Roy Bemis and wife, supplies, Spring Brook,	"	"
Moffit.....	A. R. Brown, supply, Moffit,	"	"
Sidney, Montana.....	To be supplied		

F. A. Reeves, superannuated; John Moran, member of the Minot district quarterly conference.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Iva L. Weintz, Jamestown, North Dakota	Mrs. Rosa Bachman, Larimore, North Dakota
Mrs. E. M. Reid, Jamestown, North Dakota	Mrs. Ella Klein, Ashtabula, North Dakota
Mrs. L. M. Ballenger..	Charlson, North Dakota

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—Apportioned and paid, \$23.25.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Apportioned and paid, \$27.90.

CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY—Apportioned and paid, \$15.50.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Apportioned and paid—\$69.75.

PERMANENT FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$7.75.

TO PUBLISH THE MINUTES—\$22.55.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON EDUCATION

One of the most important questions demanding solution by the church to-day is the education of our youth, so that, on the one hand the mind shall have the best possible training, and on the other the spiritual man shall be developed in all that constitutes loyalty to Bible truth and the life and power of holiness.

It is a fact patent to close and impartial observation that when our young people begin to attend the ordinary academic or collegiate institutions of learning they not only lose a relish for vital religion, but also lose the desire and willingness to attend upon those ministrations where a pure gospel is preached. They become more and more worldly-minded, and less and less susceptible to truly influential influences. The associations formed among the students, where vital godliness is treated with lightness and even ridicule, and where the skeptical instructions one receives, all contribute to this end.

That to a considerable extent at least the instruction in the usual places of learning are endeavoring to discount Bible religion, and unsettle the minds of the students as to the integrity of the Bible, as a whole, there is no question. They teach that the world has outgrown the old-time religion, and that they are prophets of a new religion, which, say they, is in keeping with the spirit of the age.

Now, as Free Methodists, we believe that God, the author of our salvation, made it perfect and complete as it is revealed in the Christ of the Bible; when He said, "It is finished," the truth of God's religion was fully manifested to humanity; that the Bible reveals this great salvation; that it meets the moral and spiritual demands of all men in all ages; that by this Word all shall stand or fall; and that "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

So believing, it should mean everything to us whether our children are led along the paths of Bible salvation or not. We cannot yield our position, either for ourselves or for our children. Popularity and present financial and social success may entice us to yield. But "what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" is a question which has never yet been affirmatively answered. Then how can we be assured that the education of our children will develop their highest interests and secure the desired ends, when not only the secular schools but also many schools under church supervision are largely at fault in this matter?

It appears that we must needs do with education as we do with preaching the gospel. As a church we provide that our preachers are of us. We could not be assured of soundness of doctrine and blamelessness of life, measured by our standards, in any other way. So, in order to proper education, our academic and collegiate teachers must needs be Bible Christians, who have not been infected with the agnostic tendencies of modern higher criticism.

The Free Methodist church was fortunate in that its first general superintendent was wise enough and exercised sufficient foresight to start a school in the early history of the denomination. Following the pattern thus set, Greenville College and all our seminaries have been builded. But these institutions can do our youth no good unless they are educated there. This may seem, at the time, to involve a sacrifice; but there is such a thing as being penny wise and pound foolish in this as in other matters.

After the boy or girl has not only lost grace, but has become averse to vital godliness, through the worldly associations and skeptical teaching of the school patronized, what would not the parent do or give to have him or her enjoy the simplicity and trust which accompany real salvation?

We feel like expressing ourselves by way of warning to beware of the educational influences in which you permit your child to be thrown, as you value his eternal interests. When this is done we feel assured that our Free

Methodist schools will be crowded and enlarged and crowded again by our own children and those of others who desire that education shall be a handmaid to a better and more intelligent religious experience.

Thus will the spiritual interests of our youth be conserved while at the same time their minds will not suffer for lack of proper training.

II.—ON PUBLICATIONS

We your committee on Publications wish to submit the following report:

How true the words to-day, "the making of many books there is no end." As a nation and people we are known for our literary abilities and opportunities, and these are the result greatly of the press. Newspapers, religious and secular magazines, whose names are legion, treating every subject of interest to any one, and some that would appear as interesting to none; besides these are the numberless fictitious works that crowd our public libraries, book markets and news-stands. The greater part of these should find no place in the Christian home, say nothing of our Free Methodist family circles. Great care should be given to the selection of reading matter for the homes of all, as often in the reading of one book sufficient poison is injected into the mind for life to destroy the desire for wholesome reading.

We would urge upon all the necessity as well as duty of patronizing our publishing house, by keeping on hand one of the latest catalogues, and from these canvass for our books and periodicals and wall mottoes. *The Free Methodist* should be in every one of our homes and as many others as we can persuade to take it. And we should take note of the various religious creeds who push their publications. Among these are the Christian Scientists, Seventh-day Adventists and others of like nature in soul-destroying books and papers that are sold and given away in a wholesale manner; and the number they secure as followers from this source is not a few.

The Earnest Christian should be put into as many of our homes as possible, as also *The Missionary Tidings* and all of our Sunday-school literature.

We would not fail to urge upon all the necessity of securing and using in all of our regular services our Free Methodist Hymn Book. And last, but not least in importance, that all who have not done so remember our publishing house with as good and liberal a contribution as the Lord would have us.

III.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS

The Sabbath-school is one of, if not the leading department of our church work. This being true, it deserves our earnest attention. First of all it should interest the pastor. He should take an active part, and show his interest by being an attendant whenever it is possible. Many times the pastor's appointments are such that it is an impossibility for him to be in attendance as much as he would otherwise; yet under these circumstances, he should labor and pray for its advancement. A sermon to the children of the Sunday-school occasionally will be found very profitable.

In the election of the officers and teachers great care should be taken. They should be Christians. For, "If the blind lead the blind they will both fall into the ditch."

Many think that the Sabbath-school is only for the children, but in this they are mistaken. The Sabbath-school is for the systematic study of the Bible, and it is necessary for the adults as well as the children to become better acquainted with the Word of God. Many parents will get their children ready for the Sabbath-school, and they themselves will lounge around home all day perhaps. What an awful influence and example to set before the young. Parents, you are needed in the Sabbath-school. Is it any wonder there is so much dearth and unconcern in some of our Sabbath-schools when the parents show practically no interest? Then there are those who will come when it is not a busy season of the year. When harvest and threshing come on, their love and interest for the house of God is gone. Would not

the Scripture in 1 John 2:15 be applicable under such circumstances: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world"? Our love for God and His work in any line should come ahead of everything else.

We ought to show our interest in this important work as a conference more than we have in the past. Why not have some Sabbath-school conventions? It will prove a blessing and will meet with good results. Can we not wake up to the need of this more and more? Would it not be in order to have a convention some time during the coming year and invite our general conference Sunday-school secretary, Rev. W. B. Olmstead, to come and help us? This committee believes it would prove a real help and blessing to us as a conference in this work.

We do thank the Lord for our excellent Sunday-school literature that our publishing house is putting out. We should not think of supplying our Sabbath-schools with any other than our own.

Last, but not least, we should make the Sunday-school work a special subject of prayer. We would have more of an interest in this work if we spent more time in prayer for it. The Word tells us, "In every thing by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God." Pray for your Sabbath-school, both in your private and public devotions.

IV.—ON REFORMS

CLASS MEETINGS.—This means of grace should by no means be neglected which is too often the case. We regard this part of our church work indispensable to the best interest of our work. We would heartily recommend to all the book entitled, "The Class Meeting As a Means of Grace," by Bishop Wilson T. Hogue.

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THE SABBATH.—The increasing disregard for the Sabbath day should cause us great alarm and concern. No one can violate the fourth commandment without treading on dangerous ground. The spirit of commercialism and pleasure-seeking leads their devotees to destruction. Baseball, the theater, seeding and harvesting grain on the Sabbath day are some of the sins we strongly denounce. * * *

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
FARGO DISTRICT												
Fargo Circuit.....		\$ 5 00	\$ 20 28	\$ 45	1268 00	\$ 72	\$ 55 00	\$ 153 35	1		1	
Gardner Circuit.....			18 00	1 35	800 09	100	103 31	28 00	1	1500	1	1000
Grand Prairie.....			20 75	70	583 06	100	111 90	187 45	1	1500	1	500
Larimore, Mayville, Crary	\$ 1 00	1 00	16 21	1 10	325 00	100	107 45		1	750	2	1450
Courtney and Pleasant Valley				85	550 75	60	88 50		2	2200	1	400
Jamestown.....			23 52	65	45 82	40	34 15		1	800	1	800
MINOT DISTRICT												
Dearing.....			27 74	65	540 73		84 04	60 24	1	1500	1	500
Minot.....			7 60	40	158 78		40 06	43 61				
Tagus.....			20	72 52			28 00					
Wilton and McCluskey.....				85	30 70		77 01					
Spring Brook and Angie.....												
Total.....	\$ 1 00	\$ 6 00	\$ 134 10	\$ 7 30	4175 38	\$372	\$739 41	\$ 448 65	7	8250	7	4650

NOTE.—F. A. Reeves, conference support, \$80.59.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

FARGO AND MINOT DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Others & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
FARGO DISTRICT	W. S. Ballenger, District Elder																	
Fargo Circuit.....	O. E. McCracken.....	9	13	22	1	1	1	1	5	35	7	4 05	1 62		1 35	90		
Gardner Circuit.....	J. H. Wilson.....	27	6	33	1	1	1	1	7	40	10	12 15	4 86	60 00	4 05	2 70	\$ 5 00	
Grand Prairie.....	G. T. Klein.....	18	2	20	2	2	2	2	1	25	5	6 30	2 52		2 10	1 40	53 00	\$17 00
Larimore, Mayville and Gray.....	H. G. Bachman.....	18	1	19	1	1	1	1	5	25	10	9 90	3 95		3 30	2 20		
Courtney and Pleasant Valley.....	O. E. Edwards.....	13	1	14	1	1	2	2	6	30	4	7 65	3 05		2 55	1 70		
Jamestown.....	Mrs. L. M. Ballenger, supply.....	11	1	12	1	1	1	1	6	24	4	5 85	2 34		1 95	1 30	10 00	7 05
MINOT DISTRICT	W. S. Ballenger, District Elder																	
Deating.....	C. F. Kish.....	13	5	18	1	1	1	1	7	31	10	5 85	2 34		1 95	1 80		31 35
MI of.....	Iva L. Weitz, supply.....	46	4	50	1	1	1	1	5	29	3	4 18	1 44	5 00	1 20	80	5 00	
Tagus.....	D. B. Weitz.....	8	1	9	1	1	1	1	4	25	1	1 80				40		
Union and McCluskey.....	V. D. Foote.....	18	2	20	1	2	2	2	8	40	7	7 65				1 70		
Spring Brook and Angie.....	Supplied.....	9		9														
Total.....		160	38	198	7	4	12	18	61	295	61	65 36	25 82	65 00	21 60	\$ 14 90		\$ 73 00 \$55 40

KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual Session, held at Nolensville,
Tennessee, October 28-30, 1909

OFFICERS

WILLIAM PEARCE, *President*

WALKER MAYFIELD, *Secretary* J. W. W. KELLEY, *Assistant Secretary*

C. G. HEATH, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—William Pearce, C. G. Heath, J. I. Dickinson.

On Publications—J. W. W. Kelley, W. D. Bunch.

On Reforms—C. G. Heath, W. S. Wygal.

On Education—Hardy Simmons, H. C. Foster.

On Sunday-schools—James Elrod, H. C. Foster.

On Complimentary Resolutions—C. G. Heath.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—James Elrod.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—Hardy Simmons.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

C. G. Heath, president and treasurer; Walker Mayfield, secretary; J. W. W. Kelley, W. S. Wygal, J. A. Wheeler.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

Walker Mayfield, three years; C. G. Heath, two years; J. W. W. Kelley, one year.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents); second quarter, Bishops' claim (18 cents); third quarter, Church Extension (10 cents), General Conference Delegates' Expenses (17 cents); fourth quarter, Superannuated claims (45 cents).

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. G. Heath,
H. O. Coates,
E. V. Towns,

J. W. W. Kelley,
H. C. Foster,
A. G. Fellows,

Walker Mayfield,
F. K. Baker,
Hardy Simmons.

DELEGATES

C. G. Morehead,	S. A. Walker,	Charles Collier,
W. S. Wygal,	W. D. Bunch,	Henry Downs,
J. A. Wheeler,	J. M. Parker.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? William Pearce, C. G. Heath, W. D. Bunch.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Nels Nordrum, Thomas Hall, N. G. Pomeroy.
- 4, 5. None.
6. Who are the deacons? H. C. Foster, E. V. Towns, A. G. Fellows, Hardy Simmons.
- 7-13. None.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
- 16-23. See statistical reports.
24. See appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Munfordville, Kentucky, as early in October, 1910, as convenient for the bishop.

APPOINTMENTS

BOWLING GREEN DISTRICT—C. G. HEATH, District Elder, Woodbury, Butler county, Kentucky

Scottsville, Petroleum, Mount Carmel and Bethlehem.....
Hardy Simmons, Scottsville, Kentucky
 Bowling Green, Cassady, Mount Zion, Kelley's chapel, Oak Forest
 and Woodbury.....E. V. Towns, D. H. Tickner, supply
 Wrightsburg and Rumsey.....C. G. Morehead, supply, Rumsey, Kentucky
 Walker Mayfield, evangelist, Scottsville, Kentucky; J. W. W. Kelley, evangelist, Petroleum, Kentucky; H. C. Foster, left without an appointment, paragraph 94 of the Discipline; Nels Nordrum, given a certificate of good standing as a probationer, to take work in the Texas conference; C. G. Heath, member of the Bowling Green district quarterly conference.

LOUISVILLE DISTRICT—C. G. HEATH, District Elder

Louisville, Mount Beulah, Cedar Grove and Upton.....
Thomas Hall, James Elrod, supply, Oakland, Kentucky
 H. O. Coates, left without an appointment, paragraph 94 of the Discipline.

NASHVILLE DISTRICT—C. G. HEATH, District Elder

Gallatin, Cottentown, Cedar Grove and Walker's chapel.....
W. O. Cook, supply, Gallatin, Tennessee
 Forest chapel, Lafayette, Wolf Hill and Portland....P. C. Dunkerson, supply
 Simmon's chapel and Hickerson station.....To be supplied
 Manchester, Zion Hill and Decard.....N. G. Pomeroy
 Deer Lodge and Burrville.....L. M. Elliot, supply
 Monterey.....To be supplied
 Stru's schoolhouse and Padensville....B. Osburn, supply, Nolensville, Tennessee; and J. B. Hay, supply.....Thompson Station, Tennessee
 F. K. Baker, evangelist, Deckard, Tennessee.

ALABAMA DISTRICT—C. G. HEATH, District Elder

Mission chapel, Mobile and Deer Park....A. G. Fellows, Deer Park, Alabama

MISCELLANEOUS

Bishop William Pearce presided with perfect acceptability, and his sermons and addresses were helpful to all. The usual blessing and spirituality prevailed and the praise services were harmonious to the notes of victory.

Rev. Walker Mayfield preached a missionary sermon on Sunday afternoon and thirty-five dollars was taken in the collection.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE
CONFERENCE

BOWLING GREEN, LOUISVILLE, NASHVILLE AND ALABAMA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
BOWLING GREEN DISTRICT												
Scottsville.....		\$ 6 75	\$ 12 95		\$228 60		\$ 32 00	\$ 74 33	3	\$ 2000		
Bowling Green.....			11 27		182 66		40 61	80 45	3	2400	1	\$ 400
Wrightsburg.....			00		49 17		37 50		1	1000		
LOUISVILLE DISTRICT												
Mount Beulah.....			5 00		83 78		37 04	32 26	2	1000		
NASHVILLE DISTRICT												
Gallatin.....			15 00		251 50		22 65	24 00	2	1500		
Walker's Chapel.....			15 77		82 51		40 00		1	1000		
Manchester.....			93 00		41 45		25 88		2	1500		
Forest Chapel.....		9 96			14 00		15 00		3	1200		
Deer Lodge.....							13 28					
Decard.....			5 08		10 00		10 85					
Louisville.....												
ALABAMA DISTRICT												
Deer Park.....					15 00				1	600		
Total		\$16 71	\$ 166 07	\$11 90	\$958 67		\$274 81	\$ 211 04	18	\$ 12200	1	\$ 400

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE CONFERENCE

BOWLING GREEN, LOUISVILLE, NASHVILLE AND ALABAMA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodists" Taken	Conference Claim	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
BOWLING GREEN DISTRICT	C. G. Heath, District Elder																
Scottsville	Nels Nordrum	43	5	48	2	1	9	25	9								
Bowling Green	Thomas Hall	43	3	46	3	4	14	50	7								
Wrightsburg	H. O. Coates	30	6	36	3	1	4	30	3								
LOUISVILLE DISTRICT	C. G. Heath, District Elder																
Mount Beulah	E. V. Towns	30	3	33	1	1	4	25	1								
NASHVILLE DISTRICT	C. G. Heath, District Elder																
Gallatin	Hardy Simmons	24	8	32	2	1	6	33	2								
Walker's Chapel	J. I. Dickinson	26	1	27	2	1	6	40	6							\$ 6 50	
Manchester	N. G. Pomeroy	46	6	52	1	2	8	40	5							\$ 6 50	
Forest Chapel	H. C. Foster	10		10	1	1			1								
Decatur	F. K. Elliot, supply	4	2	6					2								
Decard	F. K. Elliot	12		12		1	7	35	1								
Louisville	Jas. Eldred, supply	10		10													
ALABAMA DISTRICT	C. G. Heath, District Elder																
Deer Park	A. G. Fellows	7		7					2							5 00	
Total		285	34	319	14	12	58	278	39	\$ 115 94	\$ 47 64		\$ 41 10	\$ 24 80		\$ 16 50	

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-seventh Annual Session, held at Calahall Church, Mississippi, November 4-6, 1909

OFFICERS

WILLIAM PEARCE, *President*

JAMES M. MANCHESTER, *Secretary* T. H. PRICE, *Assistant Secretary*

DAVID DAY, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—William Pearce, Frazar Scott, T. H. Price.

On Publications—David Day, James M. Manchester.

On Reforms—David Day, J. A. Anderson.

On Education—James M. Manchester, W. P. Cupples.

On Sabbath Observance—W. B. Newman, A. S. Wheeler.

On Sabbath-schools—W. D. Bradford, Duncan Short.

On Charities—W. B. Newman, W. P. Cupples.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—Duncan Short.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—David Day, J. T. Allen.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—David Day, Frazar Scott, J. T. Allen, J. A. Anderson.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

David Day, two years; Frazar Scott, one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

David Day, president; James M. Manchester, secretary; Duncan Short, treasurer; W. D. Bradford, A. S. Wheeler.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—James M. Manchester, *On Reforms*—David Day,

On Sabbath Observance—Duncan Short, *On Charities*—N. J. Roark,

On State of the Work—Frazar Scott.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

The total amount is \$1.25 a member, to be taken during the first quarter.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference? . . .

PREACHERS

Frazar Scott,
W. B. Newman,
James M. Manchester.

David Day,
Duncan Short,

N. J. Roark,
D. M. Smashey,

DELEGATES

W. D. Bradford,
A. S. Wheeler.

J. T. Allen,
J. A. Anderson.

W. P. Cupples,

2. Who are the stationing committee? William Pearce, Frazar Scott, J. T. Allen.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? W. W. Voight, J. W. Williams.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? James M. Manchester.

6. Who are the deacons? Duncan Short, W. B. Newman.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? James M. Manchester.

8-11. None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? W. B. Newman.

13. None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-23. See statistical reports.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Little Chickasaw church (P. O., Olla, La.), between the middle of October and the first of November, 1910, as will suit the convenience of the bishop holding the conference.

APPOINTMENTS

WELCOME HOME DISTRICT—FRAZER SCOTT, District Elder, Winnsboro, Louisiana

Welcome Home and Summerville.....	W. P. Cupples, supply, Olla, Louisiana	
Franklin	David Day, Oakley,	"
Black River	Duncan Short, Serena,	"
Big Island	N. J. Roark, Aimwell,	"
Monticello	J. W. Williams, Winnsboro.	"

Frazar Scott, member of the Welcome Home district quarterly conference

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT—FRAZER SCOTT, District Elder

Jackson, Wesson, Beaver Dam and New Hope.....	
.....	James M. Manchester, Gloster, Mississippi
Gulfport mission and McHenry.....	To be supplied
Oxford mission.....	J. T. Allen, supply, New Hebron, Mississippi
Delta City.....	T. H. Price, Catchings, "

D. M. Smashey, conference evangelist, Racine, Wisconsin; W. B. Newman, withdrawn; W. W. Voight, left without appointment to attend college.

LOCAL PREACHERS

E. T. Tindle, Winnsboro, Louisiana	T. H. Price, Catchings, Mississippi
J. B. Williams, Liddieville, "	J. T. Allen, New Hebron, Mississippi
S. C. Eby.....Jena, "	Percy LeeWesson, Mississippi
D. W. Stephens....	Gilbert, Louisiana

TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS'—Assessed and paid, \$69.75.
 BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$27.90.
 CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$17.25.
 GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$23.25.
 CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$15.50.
 PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$7.50.
 FOREIGN MISSIONS—Paid, \$91.40.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-seventh session of the Louisiana conference was held in the Calahall church (P. O. Catchings, Mississippi). Bishop William Pearce presided. His sermons and addresses were very inspiring, helpful and instructive.

The people of Delta City circuit received the conference gladly and cared for the members in a very hospitable way.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

WELCOME HOME AND MISSISSIPPI DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Personages	Value of Personage Property
WELCOME HOME DISTRICT												
Welcome Home, Summerville			\$ 15 00	\$ 1 40	\$ 129 86	...	\$ 50 40	\$ 10 35	2	\$ 650	1	\$ 200
Franklin			5 21	1 76	188 48	...	18 31	7 14	3	1000	...	...
Black River			70	21 48	...	...	15 70	...	1	450	...	...
Big Island			4 00	40	79 52	...	15 00	23 00	2	400	...	...
MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT												
Jackson				05	86 00	30						
Hazelhurst, Wesson, Beaverdam							6 52		3	1000	...	...
Beazley Chapel, New Hope, etc.			4 80	70	190 00	...	18 76	9 00	2	800	...	...
Gulfport Mission and McHenry				20		...	2 76				...	...
Oxford Mission
Delta City			7 00	50		...	178 19	73 60			...	...
Total			\$ 36 01	\$ 5 70	\$ 793 28	\$ 30	\$ 305 65	\$ 123 09	13	\$ 4300	1	\$ 200

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

WELCOME HOME AND MISSISSIPPI DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claims and Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions Claims	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claims	Woman's Foreign Missions Society
WELCOME HOME DISTRICT	Frazer Scott, District Elder																	
	David Day	53	10	63	2	3	15	100	10	\$ 13 16	\$ 4 48	\$ 4 20	\$ 4 20	\$ 4 20	\$ 2 80	.....	\$ 31 40	.....
	Franklin	37	3	40	8	4	16	75	1	16 40	5 60	5 25	5 25	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Black River	16	18	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	6 68	2 24	2 10	2 10	1 40	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Big Island	19	2	21	.....	1	4	24	2	3 76	1 28	1 20	1 20	1 80	.....	.....	5 00	.....
MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT	Frazer Scott, District Elder																	
	E. E. Hollenbeck	5	3	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	46	18	15	15	15	10	.....	.....	.....
	Belle Smashey, supply	11	11	22	.....	1	2	25	2	1 88	64	60	60	60	40	.....	.....	.....
	W. B. Newman	24	4	28	1	1	4	20	1	21 73	2 24	2 10	2 10	2 10	1 40	.....	.....	.....
	Lafayette Farr	4	1	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1 80	72	60	60	60	40	.....	.....	.....
	J. M. Manchester	6	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3 26	1 60	1 50	1 50	1 50	.....	.....	50 00	.....
	T. H. Price	12	16	28	1	1	6	50	1	4 70	1 60	1 50	1 50	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total		186	56	242	8	11	47	294	23	\$ 73 70	\$ 18 98	\$ 17 70	\$ 17 70	\$ 17 70	\$ 12 30	.....	\$ 86 40	.....

TEXAS CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirtieth Annual Session, held at Rockwall,
Texas, November 10-13, 1909

OFFICERS

WILLIAM PEARCE, *President*

R. A. THOMPSON, *Secretary*

W. C. ROSE, *Assistant Secretary*

F. D. PALMER, *Statistical Secretary*

R. A. THOMPSON, *Railroad Secretary*

F. D. PALMER, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—William Pearce, B. F. Harris, George McCulloch.

On Publications—W. C. Rose, B. W. Huckabee, R. E. Elkins.

On Reforms—B. F. Harris, C. A. Perkins, J. F. Hendricks.

On Education—George McCulloch, R. A. Thompson, C. E. Rose.

On Sunday-schools—H. A. Hanson, M. M. Lowery, M. J. Peppers.

On Aggressive Evangelism—R. A. Thompson, B. W. Huckabee, J. F. Hendricks.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—B. W. Huckabee, F. D. Palmer, F. J. Jacks.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—L. P. Morris, C. W. Johnson.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

On the State of the Work—R. A. Thompson, L. A. Miller.

On Complimentary Resolutions—C. A. Perkins, A. B. Harrell.

Auditing Committee—George McCulloch, B. W. Huckabee.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

R. A. Thompson, president; W. C. Rose, secretary and treasurer, one year;
R. E. Elkins, S. H. Owens, two years; George McCulloch, L. A. Miller,
three years.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

George McCulloch, president; R. A. Thompson, secretary; R. E. Elkins, treasurer; W. C. Rose, E. C. Morris.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

R. A. Thompson, president; W. C. Rose, secretary; T. J. Jacks, C. A. Perkins, A. B. Harrell, L. A. Miller.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—George McCulloch,

On Education—A. B. Harrell,

On Reforms—R. A. Thompson,

On Sunday-schools—F. D. Palmer.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Bishops' Salaries (18 cents);
second quarter, Church Extension (10 cents), Delegates' Expenses to

General Conference (17 cents); third quarter, Conference Missions (15 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents); fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' (45 cents).

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. H. E. Thompson, president, 187 Haskell avenue, Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Mattie Price, secretary; Mrs. S. J. McCulloch, treasurer, 197 McKinnon street, Dallas, Texas, to whom all money raised by the W. F. M. S. should be sent.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

George McCulloch,
W. C. Rose,
S. H. Owens,
T. J. Jacks,
L. P. Morris,
B. F. Harris,
C. W. Johnson,

R. A. Thompson,
L. A. Miller,
J. F. Hendricks,
F. D. Palmer,
H. A. Hanson,
M. M. Lowery,
J. C. George,

W. H. Lathrop,
W. M. Adams,
R. E. Fletcher,
R. G. Swanson,
A. B. Harrell,
C. A. Perkins.

DELEGATES

C. E. Rose.
E. C. Morris,
E. E. Lookabaugh,
A. J. Tabor,
R. E. Elkins,
J. N. Tinsley,

R. E. Smith,
S. H. Dunn,
W. H. Russell,
M. E. Davis,
Albert Chandler,
B. W. Huckabee,

W. P. Sibley,
John Windsor,
A. G. Maxfield,
M. J. Peppers,
S. B. Ellison,
D. Briggs.

2. Who are the stationing committee? William Pearce, R. A. Thompson, L. A. Miller, R. E. Elkins, B. W. Huckabee.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? H. F. Cochran, J. N. Tinsley, T. L. Ensey, A. L. Perkins.

4. Who remain on trial? J. L. Price, Gilbert Finger, J. G. Adams, J. T. Williams, Nels Nordrum (transferred from the Kentucky and Tennessee conference).

5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. C. George.

6. Who are the deacons? J. F. Hendricks, C. W. Johnson, J. G. Adams, J. C. George.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? V. R. Lewis.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. L. Price.

10. Who are the superannuated, or worn-out preachers? W. H. Lathrop.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? Nels Nordrum, from the Kentucky and Tennessee conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? S. B. Gosey.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-23. See statistical reports.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Dallas, Texas, as near the first of November, 1910, as will suit the convenience of the bishop.

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirtieth session of the Texas annual conference was held in Rockwall, Texas, November 10-13, 1909. Bishop William Pearce presided to the entire satisfaction of all.

Five harmonious sittings were held. This was given out to be one of the best conferences held in Texas. The attendance was large, the preaching clear, and the spiritual tide ran high. At times the entire conference seemed to be blessed as wave after wave of glory filled the house.

The pastor was untiring in his efforts to entertain the largest attendance ever attending an annual conference in Texas. The preachers received their appointments joyfully.

APPOINTMENTS

DALLAS DISTRICT—R. A. THOMPSON, District Elder, 187 Haskell street, Dallas, Texas

Dallas, First Church.....	B. W. Huckabee, 193 Payne street, Dallas, Texas
Dallas, Central Church..	George McCulloch, 197 McKinnon street, Dallas, "
Ennis.....	R. G. Swanson, 602 Brown street, Ennis, "
Fort Worth.....	F. D. Palmer, 1033 East Annie street, Fort Worth, "
Oak.....	T. J. Jacks, Oak, Ellis county, "
Collinsville circuit.....	J. N. Tinsley, Collinsville, "
Paradise and Friendship.....	T. L. Ensey, Paradise, "

S. H. Owens, left without appointment; S. B. Gosey, withdrawn; J. L. Price, supernumerary; R. A. Thompson, member of the Dallas district quarterly conference; W. H. Lathrop, superannuated; L. D. Wright, conference missionary.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT—R. A. THOMPSON, District Elder

San Antonio and Pipe Creek.....	
.....	L. P. Morris, 107 Sharer street, San Antonio, Texas
San Marcos.....	Nels Nordrum, San Marcos, "
Austin, Red Rock and Rockdale.....	H. A. Hanson, Austin, "

PLAINVIEW DISTRICT—W. C. ROSE, District Elder, Mount Dora, New Mexico

Plainview and Providence.....	J. F. Hendricks, Plainview, "
Texico, Clovis and Union.....	W. M. Adams, Plainview, "
Memphis and Alba.....	M. M. Lowery, Memphis, "
Abilene, Hodges and Compere....	A. L. Perkins, Hodges, Jones county, "

GREENVILLE DISTRICT—L. A. MILLER, District Elder, 590 North Harwood street, Dallas, Texas

Greenville.....R. E. Fletcher, Greenville, Texas
 Rockwall and Bear Creek.....B. F. Harris, Rockwall, "
 Terrell and Bachelor....."
C. W. Johnson, 407 South Rockwall avenue, Terrell, "
 Van and Roddy.....H. Frank Cochran, Garden Valley, R. D. 2, "
 Big Sandy, Tyler and Bethel.....I. T. Williams, Tyler, "
 Winsboro, Forest Hill and Rock Springs..J. S. Hill, supply, Greenville, "
 DeKalb.....J. W. Payne, supply, DeKalb, "
 Mena, Arkansas.....J. G. Adams, Mena, Arkansas
 Campbell.....M. J. Townsend, Greenville, Texas

V. R. Lewis, discontinued at his request, membership at Terrell, Texas;
 J. C. George, left without appointment to attend school.

NACOGDOCHES DISTRICT—A. B. HARRELL, District Elder,
 Nacogdoches, Texas

Nacogdoches, Sacul and Chirens.....C. A. Perkins, Nacogdoches, Texas
 Zavalla, Huntington and Homer.....J. F. Finger, Zavalla, "
 Edgars Chapel, Sabine Town and McClellon....."
S. H. Tinsley, supply, Hobart, "

LOCAL DEACONS AND ELDERS

L. D. Wright,
 N. W. Sanford,
 D. Briggs,
 J. S. Hill,

D. S. Finger,
 J. N. Wilson,
 B. W. Huckabee,

S. F. Worley,
 C. B. Anderson,
 I. W. Payne,

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

W. R. Hill,
 H. G. Wills,
 Miss Daisie Buchanan,
 H. E. Malone,
 M. J. Townsend,
 W. L. Delamar,
 W. P. Sibley,
 Mrs. N. A. Coppage,
 Mrs. Mattie Price,
 Mrs. Lilly Palmer,
 H. C. Belk,
 S. T. Green,
 Mrs. H. M. Weaver,
 A. A. Dubose,
 E. A. Moore,

C. E. Rose,
 Miss Ada Edwards,
 N. J. Lynch,
 W. F. Gales,
 Miss Bertha Allemyer,
 H. D. Munsel,
 J. E. Stow,
 Mrs. Naoma Perkins,
 M. W. Burgess,
 N. L. Perkins,
 Mrs. Ida Swanson,
 S. P. Coffman,
 Mrs. W. M. Adams,
 R. W. C. Owens,
 G. S. George.

J. W. Wade,
 Mrs. Sadie Lowery,
 T. J. Kinningham,
 Mrs. M. L. Lamb,
 S. F. Smith,
 D. F. Stephens,
 L. F. Scott,
 L. D. Myers,
 Mrs. M. J. Peppers,
 Mrs. Rebecca Belk,
 J. H. Smith,
 H. M. Weaver,
 John Graham,
 Buck Ellison,

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON PUBLICATIONS

We, your committee on publications, beg leave to make the following report:

We recognize the press as a most powerful factor in molding character, and shaping the lives of men. A word spoken effects only those who hear and may soon be forgotten, but when printed lives to bless or curse those whose eyes may see it.

There is much trashy literature in our land to-day. While some of it

may contain good, it also contains evil and that sufficient to poison the mind. Therefore we need to be cautious about what we read. There are books and magazines, also papers, sent into our homes that the sender's aim is to lead you into error. There is enough good to deceive, but the foundation is rotten. In many professed Christian homes (and I fear some among Free Methodists) can be found literature sent out by "no-sects," "gift of tongues," and some take the *Burning Bush*. These effect the morals of all that read them and they soon partake of the same disposition that the paper teaches, that is, sourness, bitterness, and selfishness. These people say they are not able to take our church paper, that it is too high; we can get these at \$1.00 and our paper is \$1.50. Right here we want to say that the Free Methodist paper is cheaper than any paper we know of at \$1.00. There is more reading, better reading, cleaner reading and more wholesome reading, less advertisements, and more good, easily digested soul-food; and as preachers we must insist on our people taking it. We can not be intelligent Free Methodists without it. So many of our people have more interest in other movements, than in their own church. Why? For the very reason given above. Take *The Free Methodist*. Read it; and if at the end of the year you feel you have not received your full value in reading its inspiring pages, we hereby give notice we will refund your subscription money.

Our people ought also to take *The Missionary Tidings* and keep posted on the great work our church is doing in foreign lands; also the Discipline (every Free Methodist ought to have one), and read it and live by its teachings; and then it would not be long until there would be a radical change on all our works. Amen.

We appreciate the fact that we are now able through the *Pentecostal Advocate*, printed at Peniel, Texas, to put our work before our people all over the Texas and Oklahoma conferences. We are finding this a great advantage to the work and believe it will put the different churches and organizations of the holiness movement in closer touch and in better harmony than ever before. While we feel that our church paper should be taken first, we also believe that the *Advocate* will do our work in the South more good as a local organ, in putting us properly before all the holiness people of this country.

We desire to call attention at this time to our singing. We are glad to note some improvement in some places, but still we have not attained perfection in that line yet. The Free Methodist hymn-book ought to be in every Free Methodist pulpit and in every home. Sing around the family altar those soul-inspiring hymns: "Rock of Ages," "Amazing Grace," "I Thirst, Thou Wounded Lamb of God," and many others that lift the soul to higher heights. In too many places they sing anything almost; songs that are mere nothing, just sentimental. God wake us up along this line!

We are glad to note our church has now a book of its own for social worship, called "Voices of Praise," compiled by Brothers Olmstead, Warner and Rose, and Sisters Hogue and Coleman. A finer selection has never been on the market for sale.

Again we call attention to our book department. Our people ought to patronize our own house, thereby helping our own cause. Send to Rev. W. B. Rose, 1132-1134 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, for catalogue and price list and he will gladly send it you.

And now, brethren, another article "on publications." For years we have had about the same thing, but we don't take heed. Let us move out of the old ruts we have followed in the past and practise instead of resolving to do better. Amen.

II.—ON AGGRESSIVE EVANGELISM

Much necessarily ought to be said on the question but time forbids. However a few vital points are essential to our best success:

1. We feel that with old Mexico at our back door untouched and undisturbed in her heathen blindness and sin, this body manifests distressing apa-

thy in its enterprise and missionary zeal, and poor judgment in strenuously raising money for work among the Africans fifteen thousand miles away, while utterly ignoring our benighted neighbors. We feel we should make all possible haste in sending a missionary to old Mexico.

2. With twenty-five million people in this southern country practically untouched by our work for whom we have plead and whom we have loved, we should be more aggressive in our evangelistic efforts. Therefore we would favor this conference electing one of its strongest, cleanest, most forceful preachers to the office of evangelist, and equipping him with a good gospel tent, and sending him into new fields and keeping him there. We would advise the raising of a sum of a few hundred dollars to be placed in the hands of a committee to be used in such work, paying a suitable salary to the evangelist, while he is to raise all the money possible and turn over to this committee to replenish this evangelistic fund from which he and others are to be supported, adding to their number as prosperity permits.

We further recommend that our pastors as far as possible employ our own pastors and evangelists to assist them in their meetings, and by all means let it be understood that such meetings are under the auspices of the constituted authority of the Free Methodist church.

We recommend, secondly, that our local preachers and evangelists shall always give preference to the calls of our own people—pastors and district elders.

We recommend, third, that our pastors and district elders confine themselves to their work assigned them by the conference up to the limits of the needs of that work. We would discourage promiscuous evangelizing by our pastors and district elders.

We recommend, fourth, that all our ministers—local and itinerant—enter every open door of usefulness as they have time and opportunity; but let them enter these doors as Free Methodist preachers, holding as a sacred trust the integrity of our doctrines and polity.

We furthermore disapprove most heartily the habit of opening our church houses or inviting into our pulpits unknown and unauthorized preachers straggling through the country. Such generally sow discord or heresy among them and thus much harm comes. None but bad men will refuse to respect church authority, and they should be forced to do so.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE

DALLAS, PLAINVIEW, SAN ANTONIO, GREENVILLE AND NACOGDOCHES DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Women's Foreign Missionary Societies
DALLAS DISTRICT																	
Dallas, First Church.....	R. A. Thompson, District Elder	61	6	67	2	1	10	75	6	25 65	10 36	9 69	8 55	5 70	.....	.....	215 89
Dallas, Central Church.....	A. B. Harrell.....	23	2	25	2	1	6	40	5	10 35	5 22	4 93	4 35	2 96	.....	.....	85 30
Ennis.....	George McCulloch.....	23	6	29	2	2	6	35	5	10 35	4 14	3 91	3 45	2 30	.....	\$ 15 40	67 50
Oak.....	E. D. Sanner.....	43	2	45	1	2	7	51	1	19 13	7 74	7 31	6 41	4 30	.....	.....	17 00
St. North and Collinsville.....	R. E. Hanson.....	28	2	30	1	2	9	100	2	5 40	2 15	2 04	1 80	1 20	.....	25 00	.....
Pradley and Friendship.....	R. E. Fletcher.....	39	2	41	5	2	10	30	3	13 50	5 40	5 10	4 50	3 00	.....	.....	.....
Mitway and Campers.....	T. J. Jacks.....	28	2	30	2	2	10	30	3	14 40	5 75	5 44	4 80	3 20	.....	.....	.....
PLAINVIEW DISTRICT																	
Plainview.....	R. A. Thompson, District Elder	19	1	20	1	1	.....	.....	.....	8 55	3 49	3 23	2 85	1 90	.....	.....	.....
Providence and Amorillo.....	J. F. Hendricks.....	5	1	6	1	1	.....	.....	.....	4 95	1 98	1 87	1 65	1 10	.....	.....	.....
Memphis and Elba.....	W. M. Adams.....	22	1	23	3	1	4	25	2	9 30	3 96	3 74	3 30	2 20	.....	.....	.....
SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT																	
San Antonio and San Marcos.....	R. A. Thompson, District Elder	27	4	31	1	2	10	40	2	9 45	3 78	3 57	3 15	2 10	.....	.....	9 85
GREENVILLE DISTRICT																	
Greenville and Alba.....	L. A. Miller, District Elder	51	4	55	4	3	6	80	1	26 10	10 44	9 86	8 70	5 80	.....	.....	5 00
Rockwall and Bear Creek.....	M. M. Lowery.....	28	1	29	1	2	16	32	5	23 40	3 78	3 57	3 15	2 10	.....	.....	.....
Terrell and Bachelor.....	B. F. Harris.....	19	1	20	1	2	10	63	1	8 50	9 00	8 50	7 50	5 00	.....	.....	.....
Van and Roddy.....	W. C. Rose.....	19	1	20	1	1	5	50	2	8 55	3 42	3 23	2 85	1 90	.....	.....	.....
Wineboro and Forest Hill.....	C. George.....	16	1	17	1	1	.....	.....	.....	8 10	3 24	3 0	2 70	1 80	.....	.....	.....
Baskin and Starville.....	J. C. Price.....	15	1	16	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 75	2 70	2 5	2 25	1 50	.....	.....	.....
Big Sandy and Farwell.....	R. Lewis.....	16	1	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 75	2 70	2 5	2 25	1 50	.....	.....	.....
Dickinson.....	W. Barber, supply	16	1	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 50	1 80	1 7	1 50	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Menard, Arkansas.....	H. A. Hanson.....	10	1	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
NACOGDOCHES DISTRICT																	
Nacogdoches.....	L. A. Miller, District Elder	41	1	42	4	1	5	40	5	14 95	5 94	5 61	4 95	3 30	.....	2 60	40 00
Zavalla and Huntington.....	C. A. Perkins.....	44	1	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 45	7 38	6 97	6 15	4 10	.....	.....	.....
McClellan and Starksville.....	I. T. Williams.....	25	1	26	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 25	4 50	4 25	3 75	2 50	.....	.....	.....
Total.....		647	27	674	33	13	84	637	42	\$ 286 20	\$ 114 48	\$ 108 12	\$ 95 40	\$ 63 60	.....	\$ 60 00	431 14

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE

DALLAS, PLAINVIEW, SAN ANTONIO, GREENVILLE AND NACOGDOCHES DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
DALLAS DISTRICT												
Dallas, First Church.....			\$ 83 86	\$ 2 85	\$ 480 00	\$150	\$101 65	\$ 61 00	1	\$ 2500	1	\$ 2500
Dallas, Central Church.....	\$ 4 50	\$ 3 40	28 96	1 45	436 00		56 50	34 60				
Ennis.....			25 00	1 15	400 00	100	50 00	75 00	1	1500	1	1500
Oak.....			7 36	2 15	370 00	50	91 00	51 28	1	800	1	500
Ft. Worth and Collinsville.....			26 00	60	374 30	150	40 00	50 00	1	1500	1	1500
Paradise and Friendship.....				1 50	178 00	30	25 00	48 00	2	1200	1	400
Midway and Compere.....				1 60	214 45	36	51 25				1	400
PLAINVIEW DISTRICT												
Plainview.....				95	1 00		113 50	10 00				
Providence and Amorillo.....				55	33 30		14 50					
Memphis and Elba.....				1 10			29 10					
SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT												
San Antonio and San Marcos.....			45 65	1 05	327 25	150	65 30	16 00	3	3000	1	1500
GREENVILLE DISTRICT												
Greenville and Alba.....				2 90	191 50	60	100 75		2	1400	1	1000
Rockwall and Bear Creek.....			9 60	1 05	310 00	60	51 50	25 00	1	1000	1	500
Terrell and Bachelor.....			13 65	2 50	218 00	75	72 00	30 00	2	900	1	400
Van and Roddy.....			5 25	95	50 00		50 00	11 05	2	800		
Winsboro and Forest Hill.....				90	56 35		40 40					
Big Sandy and Starville.....				75	6 45		40 00		1	250		
De Kalb.....				75	65 00		31 25					
Mena, Arkansas.....				50			13 90					
NACOGDOCHES DISTRICT												
Nacogdoches.....			15 00	1 65	440 00	60	111 50	35 65	2	1500	1	750
Zavalla and Huntington.....				2 06	130 00	50	44 54		1	600	1	200
McClellan and Sharpville.....				1 25			24 00	10 00	1	400		
Total.....	\$ 4 50	\$ 3 40	\$ 259 23	\$31 80	\$4281 60	\$961	1487 64	\$ 462 58	21	\$ 17400	12	\$11150

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The Executive Committee,
Board of Conference Claimants,
Board of Church Extension,
Board of Education,
General Missionary Board,
Woman's Foreign Missionary
Society

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE CONFERENCES

CONFERENCES															
Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday-Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Tree of Life"	Conf. Ants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference, Missions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen'l Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim
178	10	188	12	5	8	118	387	36	\$3,96	\$5	17	26	18		\$65.58
354	43	397	18	5	13	418	632	38	\$3,53	\$5	19	36	18		\$68.28
1751	187	1942	35	31	60	414	2638	288	793.13	301.57	168.69	216.73	168.30		276.04
431	54	485	20	13	19	112	692	104	171.85	73.69	122.77	63.10	37.40		74.04
303	63	366	10	8	14	82	464	91	102.90	48.95	66.35	43.00	24.25		243.94
1838	171	2009	45	14	88	605	2059	324	850.09	328.05	388.17	207.52	174.27		42.75
743	112	855	33	12	32	169	1243	126	319.50	127.26	162.84	106.00	71.00		189.60
1341	186	1527	50	12	59	416	2544	385	733.67	293.24	322.26	244.37	91.02		187.11
1095	163	1258	20	12	39	165	1053	163	413.56	166.47	205.04	139.79	75.16		205.84
937	117	1054	35	8	35	200	1343	227	396.13	149.43	136.72	108.19	109.80		187.11
867	136	1002	26	31	41	308	1483	227	396.13	149.43	136.72	108.19	109.80		187.11
906	117	1022	26	31	41	308	1483	227	396.13	149.43	136.72	108.19	109.80		187.11
285	56	341	8	12	11	68	278	89	115.94	47.68	17.70	41.10	12.30		56.40
1886	54	242	8	11	4	294	23	73.70	18.98	17.70	41.10	12.30	12.30		56.40
1025	149	1174	18	8	29	218	1260	176	456.75	182.70	65.25	150.97	95.50		398.13
340	33	373	3	11	66	634	83	138.60	55.44	77.04	67.00	46.20	30.80		11.00
375	36	411	7	2	11	59	305	62	119.70	47.88	18.62	38.90	26.60		20.10
357	36	393	7	2	11	59	305	62	119.70	47.88	18.62	38.90	26.60		20.10
1057	197	1254	46	10	43	262	586	109	162.38	68.28	71.53	49.21	32.50		499.67
432	35	467	7	4	12	78	496	61	111.41	179.26	242.19	136.69	100.80		73.00
1672	199	1871	43	12	58	552	2288	325	723.93	283.86	293.13	229.44	142.63		186.97
460	30	490	6	6	13	77	420	52	106.85	41.30	23.99	21.10	21.10		135.21
1053	101	1154	29	25	61	422	2068	280	454.19	182.88	146.08	163.95	100.10		135.21
1945	312	2257	27	36	80	494	3119	329	829.00	321.20	276.00	276.00	184.00		113.26
563	109	672	36	13	40	267	1404	256	392.72	145.95	136.84	121.56	82.40		46.72
1567	238	1805	59	43	67	477	1777	139	242.10	96.84	134.50	80.70	63.80		73.31
1557	238	1805	59	43	67	477	1777	139	242.10	96.84	134.50	80.70	63.80		73.31
467	67	534	14	20	23	127	564	149	208.25	83.10	162.00	63.75	46.50	23.25	
358	50	408	12	9	15	67	638	110	161.60	65.34	55.50	51.00	33.00		151.60
647	75	722	21	13	17	158	980	184	224.63	86.10	265.00	76.50	51.00		1412.60
240	1640	1810	32	11	60	302	1753	222	586.91	234.81	269.30	191.90	116.14		396.06
647	77	724	18	14	81	637	42	286.20	114.48	108.12	95.40	63.60	63.60		60.00
1065	18	1083	18	9	291	1720	188	440.04	186.21	283.18	187.34	90.05	85.98		85.98
1863	23	1886	24	16	9	420	185	317.41	141.62	197.05	118.35	78.90	128.26		78.00
1933	53	246	4	10	14	82	329	33	57.98	22.80	14.53	9.65	7.00		9.65
495	68	563	10	24	140	621	298	33	278.55	111.42	154.50	32.80	31.90		146.20
616	69	685	16	12	24	156	739	167	278.55	111.42	154.50	32.80	31.90		146.20
718	132	850	15	17	33	196	963	151	396.70	130.68	171.10	106.90	72.60		136.91
682	99	781	23	16	31	180	998	157	317.00	125.54	146.79	100.27	67.38		136.91
30113	4004	34117	824	439	1273	8151	45453	6233	12676.79	\$5008.82	\$6038.20	\$4130.30	\$2770.07	\$130.43	\$5792.75

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CONFERENCES	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Holders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property	Age of Parsonage Property
Arkansas and Southern Missouri.....	\$ 480 62	2 00	3 65	59 85	8 90	1376 92	85 00	270 65	23 50	9	3800	1	150	12630
California.....	181 69	8 85	6 00	479 28	13 35	437 50	103 00	683 79	438 32	11	22160	22	10	18400
Central Illinois.....	1082 50	4 73	32 83	76 50	76 50	11759 50	1030 00	1831 17	1631 17	61	18750	9	9	6860
Colorado.....	183 50	6 00	24 21	1516 77	20 50	5905 20	761 00	1947 81	276 89	12	12400	7	7	6160
Columbia River.....	183 50	11 19	14 20	399 39	12 80	4422 96	420 00	1066 97	285 40	11	18400	12	12	84675
East Michigan.....	871 80	11 19	14 20	1388 45	80 16	1433 46	2765 00	1888 50	393 88	88	42876	44	44	42850
East Ontario.....	1477 43	13 34	61 76	626 57	32 05	7104 37	465 00	1103 00	77 33	88	42876	44	44	42850
Genesee.....	1065 94	53 02	17 90	1436 67	44 10	11432 23	3345 00	2639 92	416 18	69	131560	11	11	131560
Illinois.....	643 76	2 06	28 53	589 94	32 56	6836 90	1411 00	1457 11	656 30	32	43100	22	22	19925
Iowa.....	1008 55	9 75	23 84	716 77	39 38	8394 55	1398 00	274 81	211 04	38	34470	23	23	20700
Kansas.....	949 75	10 58	10 78	168 07	11 90	4667 58	30 00	305 65	133 09	13	12200	1	1	200
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	276 55	1 46	1 14	789 52	45 75	10218 00	1798 00	1303 26	240 92	44	65837	22	22	25750
Louisiana.....	59 55	8 85	15 61	229 82	15 40	2797 00	460 00	622 62	257 55	11	13800	7	7	8100
Michigan.....	834 86	10 82	71 60	328 32	15 60	3652 59	593 00	671 60	308 67	13	13300	10	10	10000
Minnesota and Northern Iowa.....	325 36	14 85	14 12	134 10	7 30	4175 38	874 00	1022 12	468 36	30	20000	13	13	24200
Missouri.....	65 36	4 00	21 46	1365 15	69 17	13890 04	2648 00	739 42	443 66	21	82500	7	7	4650
Nebraska.....	824 04	19 20	13 49	220 97	9 58	13684 81	1790 00	1820 67	165 34	77	31250	11	11	10650
New York.....	4025 94	3 36	33 40	1354 65	92 00	13684 81	1790 00	389 62	161 76	12	8750	9	9	5550
North Dakota.....	450 23	18 63	43 69	1534 50	96 89	19219 46	2952 00	1647 67	454 14	64	65760	21	21	22500
North Michigan.....	324 83	9 93	26 02	486 85	25 90	7229 07	1236 00	3958 97	860 97	82	141025	35	35	41350
Ohio.....	622 00	1 25	3 42	270 70	23 25	5218 67	1553 00	1284 67	495 56	23	24700	14	14	13600
Oklahoma.....	324 83	9 93	26 02	486 85	25 90	7229 07	1236 00	1284 67	495 56	23	24700	14	14	13600
Oregon.....	622 00	1 25	3 42	270 70	23 25	5218 67	1553 00	1284 67	495 56	23	24700	14	14	13600
Pittsburg.....	455 64	27 58	6 15	357 84	17 20	3213 75	910 00	999 00	123 55	15	15800	15	15	10025
Platte River.....	1318 21	10 44	20 15	848 64	24 96	3213 75	910 00	999 00	123 55	15	15800	15	15	10025
South Carolina.....	1718 10	11 28	29 49	1025 68	26 36	13292 72	330 00	819 84	681 35	12	19400	12	12	15700
Southern California.....	431 14	4 00	13 30	92 75	38 50	13292 72	330 00	819 84	681 35	12	19400	12	12	15700
Susquehanna.....	238 46	17 63	16 20	1021 20	37 50	11133 79	1692 00	1487 64	462 68	50	96560	32	32	59560
Texas.....	286 90	17 63	16 20	1021 20	37 50	11133 79	1692 00	1487 64	462 68	50	96560	32	32	59560
Washington.....	286 90	17 63	16 20	1021 20	37 50	11133 79	1692 00	1487 64	462 68	50	96560	32	32	59560
Western Canada.....	295 40	2 43	6 60	294 36	22 02	5371 41	1229 00	624 15	974 11	23	6250	6	6	18250
West Iowa.....	577 80	4 60	32 79	435 71	30 95	5891 16	1240 00	1220 28	239 47	29	33760	19	19	33760
West Kansas.....	1461 86	3 50	12 87	598 27	36 30	7696 36	738 00	1047 65	877 11	20	18250	6	6	18250
West Ontario.....	782 55	3 50	12 87	488 59	33 92	6787 65	1101 00	1244 95	223 84	35	39600	17	17	18760
Wisconsin.....	3062 55	472 00	647 03	28779 08	1349 99	286236 90	45603 00	51423 22	18946 24	1222 5	17724 466	567 8	703 425	703 425
Total.....														

*For statistics see Foreign Missions.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETINGS—1909

BISHOPS

REV. EDWARD P. HART, 1117 Park avenue, Alameda, California.
REV. BURTON R. JONES, 918 Francis street, Jackson, Michigan.
REV. WALTER A. SELLEW, 68 Falconer street, Jamestown, New York.
REV. WILSON T. HOGUE, 2515 Orrington avenue, Evanston, Illinois.
REV. WILLIAM PEARCE, Titusville, Pennsylvania.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

REV. BURTON R. JONES, President,	REV. MENDAL B. MILLER,
REV. WILLIAM PEARCE,	Secretary,
REV. WALTER A. SELLEW,	REV. A. BEERS,
REV. WILSON T. HOGUE,	THOMAS SULLY,
REV. B. D. FAY,	ALBERT YATES,
REV. JOSEPH A. WATSON,	ISAAC KESLER,
REV. F. H. ASHCRAFT,	A. W. GILLINGHAM,
	G. M. ROWLEY.

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REV. WALTER A. SELLEW,	REV. WILSON T. HOGUE,
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REV. B. WINGET,	REV. W. W. BRUCE,
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W. B. BERTELS,	MRS. MARY M. ROBINSON.
W. S. STEPHENS,	MRS. REBECCA E. SELLEW,
	MRS. ADELAIDE L. BEERS.

CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD

REV. WALTER A. SELLEW,	REV. B. WINGET, Secretary,
President,	
THOMAS SULLY, Treasurer.	

The members are the same as the General Missionary Board.

BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

REV. WILSON T. HOGUE, President.

Other officers and members the same as the General Missionary Board.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REV. WILSON T. HOGUE, President,	REV. J. T. LOGAN,
REV. MENDAL B. MILLER,	Recording Secretary,
Corresponding Secretary,	THOMAS SULLY, Treasurer.

The other members the same as the Executive Committee.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FREE METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE

WILSON T. HOGUE,	MENDAL B. MILLER, Secretary,
BURTON R. JONES,	WALTER A. SELLEW,
WILLIAM PEARCE,	President and Treasurer,
ALBERT YATES.	THOMAS SULLY,

TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

WALTER A. SELLEW, Treasurer.....	Term expires 1915.
MENDAL B. MILLER, Secretary.....	Term expires 1915.
THOMAS SULLY	Term expires 1915.
EDWARD P. HART	Term expires 1911.
BURTON R. JONES, President.....	Term expires 1911.
WILSON T. HOGUE.....	Term expires 1911.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ANNUAL MEETING

The Executive Committee met for its regular annual meeting at the new publishing house, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, Tuesday, October 12, 1909, at two o'clock p. m.

Bishop Burton R. Jones, the president, called the committee to order. He presided at each of the six sittings of the committee.

All the members of the committee were present, except Bishop Wilson T. Hogue, who was necessarily detained on account of sickness.

The following members were elected as directors of the Free Methodist Publishing House: Burton R. Jones, William Pearce, Mendal B. Miller, Thomas Sully, Albert Yates, Walter A. Sellw, and Wilson T. Hogue.

Permission was granted to sell church or parsonage property, or both, at the following named places: Coal Town, Pennsylvania; Canon City, Colorado (conditionally); Apollo, Pennsylvania; Ballard, Washington (conditionally); Caldwell and Doster circuit, Kansas conference (conditionally); Fort Wayne, Indiana (conditionally); Hordville, Nebraska (conditionally); Arlington, Washington (conditionally); Gloversville, New York (conditionally); Rantoul, Illinois (conditionally).

The secretary of the board of directors gave a report of the work of that body since the last annual meeting.

William Pearce and B. D. Fay were elected assistant auditors.

The following action was taken regarding women evangelists who are entitled to seats in an annual conference: "It is the sense of this committee that only such women evangelists as are in pastoral charge of a circuit are entitled to a seat in an annual conference."

The resignation of Rev. J. H. Flower as general conference evangelist for the South was accepted. Rev. Frank H. Ashcraft was elected to fill the vacancy. The committee voted a recommendation to the general missionary board that they take suitable action providing that two of the general conference evangelists labor in the South during that part of the year favorable to revival work there rather than that one evangelist give his entire time to that field.

The appeal case from the Illinois conference was considered, and the decision of the lower court was sustained.

A vote of thanks was tendered the building committee for the efficient manner in which they performed their duties.

The two rooms on the southeast corner of the second floor were allotted to the use of the missionary secretary, and the room on the west side on the second floor opposite the vault was allotted to the general treasurer.

Rev. S. K. J. Chesbro tendered his resignation as treasurer of the church funds on account of failing health. The resignation was accepted, and Thomas Sully was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy. His salary was fixed at \$800 a year.

Rev. J. T. Logan presented his annual report as editor of *The Free Methodist*. It was adopted.

Rev. David S. Warner, editor of the Sunday-school periodicals, presented his annual report. It was duly adopted.

Rev. William B. Olmstead, general Sunday-school secretary and evangelist, presented his annual report. The same was duly adopted.

Rev. William B. Rose, publisher, presented his annual report. It was duly received; and the financial part of the report, as also that part recommending the discontinuance of free tracts, was adopted.

A committee consisting of Walter A. Sellew, Mendal B. Miller and Thomas Sully was elected to consider the advisability of changing the incorporation of the general conference under the laws of the state of New York and re-incorporating under the laws of the state of Illinois. This committee is to make their report at the next annual meeting of this executive committee with a view of having the matter referred to the next general conference.

The auditor, Walter A. Sellew, gave his report as follows as to the books and accounts of the publishing house:

"This is to certify that I have this day audited the books of the Free Methodist Publishing House and find them all correct and well kept, and that all payments have proper vouchers for the same. I have verified the bank account with the bank book and find that they agree. I find proper securities to agree with the account representing the same.

"WALTER A. SELLEW, Auditor."

This report was on motion adopted.

Thomas Sully, in behalf of the treasurer, presented the report of the Bishops' Salaries Fund. It was on motion adopted.

It was duly ordered that an amount equal to eighteen cents a member be apportioned for Bishops' Salaries the coming year.

The secretary, Mendal B. Miller, was duly elected a committee to receive applications for entertaining the next session of the general conference.

Bishop Wilson T. Hogue tendered his resignation as editor of *The Earnest Christian* on account of the impaired condition of his health. The resignation was on motion accepted. A committee consisting of E. P. Hart, B. R. Jones, W. A. Sellew and William Pearce was appointed to convey the sympathy of this executive committee to Bishop Hogue in his affliction.

The report of the treasurer of the board of directors of the new publishing house was presented; the auditor's report was received and adopted; and the treasurer's report was adopted. It showed total receipts to date of \$57,400.52, and cash on hand amounting to \$1,730.69. An excess of liabilities over assets showed an amount of \$11,242.86.

Alexander Beers presented his resignation as general educational secretary. It was duly accepted.

A special committee consisting of William Pearce, A. Beers and F. H. Ashcraft was elected, to whom was referred the matter of *The Earnest Christian*. They reported as follows: "The committee recommend that the publication of *The Earnest Christian* be discontinued at the end of the current year." At a later sitting their report was adopted, and the publishing agent was authorized to make a satisfactory settlement with the subscribers when *The Earnest Christian* is discontinued.

The price of the *General Conference Daily* was fixed at fifty cents and the publishing agent was given full power to make arrangements for its publication.

BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

Pursuant to a notice duly published in *The Free Methodist*, the board met at the Free Methodist Publishing House, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, Wednesday, October 20, 1909, at 7:00 p. m.. The president of the board, Walter A. Sellev, called the board to order.

Prayer was offered by Burton R. Jones.

There were twelve members present.

The treasurer made his report and, on motion, it was adopted. (See report).

On motion, Mrs. Adelaide L. Beers was excused.

The secretary gave a statement of the amounts needed for the claimants for the coming year, which was \$10,442.00; overdrawn, \$3,292.80; total amount needed, \$13,734.80.

The following is a list of amounts needed for the claimants of the several conferences, for the coming year.

On motion, adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND, 1909

CONFERENCES	Apportionment 1909	Paid, 1909	Claimants, 1909	Paid Claimants 1909	Claimants, 1910
Arkansas and Southern Missouri.....	\$ 82 35	\$ 82 35	\$ 210 00	\$ 210 00	\$ 90 00
California.....	143 55	143 55	250 00	250 00	85 60
Central Illinois.....	780 80	780 80	760 00	760 00	620 00
Colorado.....	180 00	180 00	200 00	200 00	175 00
Columbia River.....	128 25	128 25	225 00	225 00	225 00
East Michigan.....	835 20	835 20	730 00	695 00	770 00
East Ontario.....	319 50	319 50			
Genesee.....	735 75	735 75	1250 00	1250 00	1250 00
Illinois.....	427 50	419 16	375 00	375 00	
Iowa.....	372 60	372 60	250 00	250 00	245 00
Kansas.....	412 20	412 20	830 00	770 00	670 00
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	134 10	24 33			
Louisiana.....	69 75	12 69			
Michigan.....	456 75	456 75	715 00	715 00	685 00
Minnesota and Northern Iowa.....	138 60	138 60	705 00	705 00	705 00
Missouri.....	119 70	119 70	100 00	100 00	100 00
Nebraska.....	172 35	172 35			140 00
New York.....	472 05	472 05	272 00	272 00	126 00
North Dakota.....	69 75		25 00	25 00	
North Indiana.....	197 55	197 55	95 00	95 00	
North Michigan.....	752 85	752 85	825 00	825 00	
North Minnesota.....	112 95	112 95	45 00	45 00	
Ohio.....	457 20	457 20	135 00	135 00	235 00
Oil City.....	828 00	828 00	72 00	72 00	86 00
Oklahoma.....	402 30	402 30	325 00	300 00	300 00
Oregon.....	242 10	242 10	250 00	250 00	250 00
Pittsburg.....	694 80	656 02			255 00
Platte River.....	209 25	209 25			
South Africa Mission.....					
Southern California.....	229 05	229 05	1275 00	1275 00	1460 00
South Dakota.....	165 15	165 15	45 00	45 00	35 00
Susquehanna.....	622 35	622 35	1395 00	1395 00	1190 00
Texas.....	286 20				
Wabash.....	475 20	475 20	340 00	340 00	255 00
Washington.....	358 65	358 65	330 00	330 00	140 00
Western Canada.....	68 40	68 40			
West Iowa.....	227 70	227 70	400 00	400 00	400 00
West Kansas.....	278 55	278 55	45 00	45 00	45 00
West Ontario.....	326 70	326 70	65 00	65 00	
Wisconsin.....	316 80	316 80	415 00	415 00	
Total.....	13811 00	12741 10	(1)		10432 00

CLAIMANTS' PERMANENT FUND
From October 1, 1908, to October 1, 1909

CONFERENCES	Apportionment	Paid	CONFERENCES	Apportionment	Paid
Arkansas and Southern Missouri.....	\$ 9 15	\$ 9 15	North Minnesota.....	\$ 13 55	\$ 12 55
California.....	15 95	15 95	Ohio.....	50 30	50 80
Central Illinois.....	86 70	86 70	Oil City.....	92 00	.....
Colorado.....	21 00	21 00	Oklahoma.....	41 70	44 70
Columbia River.....	14 25	14 25	Oregon.....	26 90	26 90
East Michigan.....	92 80	92 80	Pittsburg.....	77 20	40 40
East Ontario.....	35 50	35 50	Platte River.....	23 25	23 25
Genesee.....	81 75	81 75	South Africa Mission.....	.....	.....
Illinois.....	47 60	46 45	Southern California.....	25 45	25 45
Iowa.....	41 40	41 40	South Dakota.....	18 35	.....
Kansas.....	45 80	45 80	Susquehanna.....	69 15	21 00
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	14 90	2 40	Texas.....	31 80	.....
Louisiana.....	7 75	2 40	Wabash.....	52 80	52 80
Michigan.....	50 75	50 75	Washington.....	39 85	39 85
Minnesota and Northern Iowa.....	15 40	15 40	Western Canada.....	7 60	1 80
Missouri.....	13 80	13 80	West Iowa.....	25 30	25 30
Nebraska.....	19 15	19 15	West Kansas.....	36 30	36 30
New York.....	52 45	52 45	West Ontario.....	30 95	30 95
North Dakota.....	7 75	.....	Wisconsin.....	35 20	35 20
North Indiana.....	21 95	21 95			
North Michigan.....	83 65	83 65	Total.....	\$1479 00	1219 55

NOTE.—Total amount in this fund, October 1, 1909, \$8,952.84.

BISHOPS' SALARIES
TREASURER'S REPORT, 1908-1909

CONFERENCES	Apportionment	Paid	CONFERENCES	Apportionment	Paid
Arkansas and Southern Missouri.....	\$ 32 94	\$ 28 17	North Minnesota.....	\$ 45 18	\$ 45 18
California.....	57 42	57 42	Ohio.....	182 88	182 88
Central Illinois.....	312 12	189 90	Oil City.....	331 20	331 20
Colorado.....	75 60	75 60	Oklahoma.....	162 92	162 92
Columbia River.....	51 30	51 30	Oregon.....	96 84	96 84
East Michigan.....	334 08	334 08	Pittsburg.....	277 92	166 65
East Ontario.....	127 80	127 80	Platte River.....	83 70	83 70
Genesee.....	294 30	294 30	South Africa Mission.....	.....	.....
Illinois.....	171 00	171 00	Southern California.....	91 62	91 62
Iowa.....	149 04	149 04	South Dakota.....	66 06	66 06
Kansas.....	164 88	164 88	Susquehanna.....	248 94	113 00
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	53 64	26 26	Texas.....	114 48	.....
Louisiana.....	27 90	7 68	Wabash.....	190 08	190 08
Michigan.....	182 70	182 70	Washington.....	143 46	143 46
Minnesota and Northern Iowa.....	55 44	55 44	Western Canada.....	27 36	18 85
Missouri.....	47 38	47 38	West Iowa.....	31 08	31 08
Nebraska.....	68 94	68 94	West Kansas.....	111 42	111 42
New York.....	188 82	188 82	West Ontario.....	130 68	.....
North Dakota.....	27 90	27 90	Wisconsin.....	126 72	126 72
North Indiana.....	79 02	79 02			
North Michigan.....	301 14	301 14	Total.....	\$5324 40	4644 03

BISHOPS' SALARIES—SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

To amount on hand November 1, 1908.....\$ 931 59
To receipts from November 1, 1908 to October 1, 1909.....5476 55 \$6408 14

PAID OUT

By amount paid the Bishops.....\$ 5209 00
By amount of expenses charged to this account.....291 60 \$5491 60
Amount on hand October 1, 1909.....\$916 54

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

Pursuant to a notice published in *The Free Methodist*, the board met at the Free Methodist Publishing House, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, Tuesday, October 19, 1909, at 7:05 p. m.

Walter A. Sellow presided.

Prayer was offered by F. W. Warren.

Fourteen members answered to the roll call.

The following named persons were elected, by ballot, as directors: Walter A. Sellow, William Pearce, J. S. M'Geary, W. W. Vinson and B. Winget.

The treasurer's report was read and duly received.

The report of the special committee, which had been appointed to consider the several applications for aid, was read. The recommendations were considered item by item.

On motion the following list of appropriations were made.

The minutes were read and, on motion, were approved.

On motion the Board of Church Extension adjourned.

Immediately following the aforesaid meeting of the Church Extension Board, the newly elected directors met and organized. William Pearce was elected president, and B. Winget, secretary, of the board of directors.

LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1909-1910

CONFERENCES	CIRCUIT OR CHARGE	AMOUNT
California	Aromas Circuit	\$ 70.00
California	Santa Cruz Circuit	200.00
Central Illinois	Vermont, Ray and Bethany Circuits..	100.00
Central Illinois	Bluffs, Naples and Valley City circuits	70.00
Central Illinois	Oak Grove and Koonce Chapel Circuits	70.00
Central Illinois	Renew on appropriation granted two years ago, for the church at Decatur	150.00
Columbia River	Caldwell and Deerflat Circuit	100.00
East Ontario	Warkworth and Zion Circuit	100.00
East Michigan	Williamston, Webberville and Dansville Circuit	160.00
East Michigan	Walker and Lagrand Circuit	50.00
Kansas	Salina and Dry Creek Circuit	100.00
Kansas	Girard, Roseland and Mulberry circuit	70.00
Colorado	Boulder	150.00
North Michigan	Evart and Chippewa Circuits	60.00
North Michigan	Cedar Springs and Courtland Circuit..	210.00
North Michigan	Altona, Rustford and Brady Lake Circuit	60.00
North Michigan	Colfax, Antioch and Mesick Circuit..	70.00
Oregon	Portland	105.00
Oil City	Fleming Circuit	200.00
Pittsburg	Rockmart, Georgia	50.00
Southern California	Riverside Circuit	150.00
West Ontario	Hamilton Circuit	300.00
Wabash	Birds, Bee Branch, Island and Pinkstaff	100.00
Wabash	Woods Chapel	50.00
		\$2,745.00
	Office expenses	200.00
	Total	\$2,945.00

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

TREASURER'S REPORT

From October 1, 1908, to October 1, 1909

CONFERENCES	Apportionment	Paid	CONFERENCES	Apportionment	Paid
Arkansas and Southern Missouri.....	\$ 18 30	\$ 15 62	North Minnesota.....	\$ 25 10	\$ 25 10
California.....	31 90	31 90	Ohio.....	101 60	101 60
Central Illinois.....	173 40	.....	Oil City.....	184 00	.....
Colorado.....	42 00	42 00	Oklahoma.....	89 40	89 40
Columbia River.....	28 50	28 50	Oregon.....	53 80	53 80
East Michigan.....	185 60	185 60	Pittsburg.....	154 40	72 99
East Ontario.....	71 00	71 00	Platte River.....	46 50	46 50
Genesee.....	163 50	163 50	South Africa Mission.....	.....	.....
Illinois.....	95 00	92 55	Southern California.....	50 90	50 90
Iowa.....	82 80	82 80	South Dakota.....	36 70	36 70
Kansas.....	91 60	91 60	Susquehanna.....	138 30	110 13
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	29 80	70	Texas.....	63 60	.....
Louisiana.....	15 50	2 70	Wabash.....	105 60	105 60
Michigan.....	101 50	101 50	Washington.....	79 70	79 70
Minnesota and Northern Iowa.....	30 80	30 80	Western Canada.....	15 20	2 60
Missouri.....	26 60	26 60	West Iowa.....	50 60	50 60
Nebraska.....	38 30	38 30	West Ontario.....	72 60	72 60
New York.....	104 90	104 90	West Kansas.....	61 90	61 90
North Dakota.....	15 50	95	Wisconsin.....	70 40	70 40
North Indiana.....	43 90	43 90			
North Michigan.....	167 30	167 30	Total.....	\$2968 00	\$2353 24

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Amount on hand October 1, 1903..... \$ 408 06
 Total receipts from October 1, 1908, to October 1, 1909..... 2558 22 \$2966 28

PAID OUT

Paid appropriations, for 1907 and 1908 as follows:
 East Michigan conference..... \$ 50 00
 East Ontario..... 200 00
 Michigan..... 100 00
 Western Canada..... 140 00 \$ 490 00

Paid appropriations for 1908 and 1909 as follows:
 Arkansas and Southern Missouri..... \$ 85 00
 California..... 150 00
 Colorado..... 125 00
 East Michigan..... 75 00
 Kansas..... 75 00
 Kentucky and Tennessee..... 50 00
 Nebraska..... 100 00
 New York..... 200 00
 North Michigan..... 150 00
 Oklahoma..... 65 00
 Pittsburg..... 200 00
 Southern California..... 65 00
 Susquehanna..... 75 00
 Texas..... 75 00
 West Kansas..... 150 00 \$1640 00

Paid expenses..... 316 75 \$2446 75

Balance on hand October 1, 1909..... \$ 519 53

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BISHOP WILSON T. HOGUE, President, A. YATES, M. D., Vice-president
 REV. J. T. LOGAN, Recording Secretary, THOMAS SULLY, Treasurer
 REV. MENDAL B. MILLER, Corresponding Secretary.

The board met in annual session at the new Free Methodist Publishing House, Chicago, Illinois, October 12, 1909, Dr. A. Yates, vice-president, in the chair.

Members present—Burton R. Jones, Walter A. Sellew, William Pearce, Mendal B. Miller, A. Beers, J. A. Watson, F. H. Ashcraft, B. D. Fay, T. Sully, A. Yates, I. Kesler, A. W. Gillingham, G. M. Rowley, J. T. Logan.

The following named directors were elected: W. T. Hogue, B. R. Jones, W. A. Sellew, W. Pearce, M. B. Miller, A. Beers, J. A. Watson, F. H. Ashcraft, B. D. Fay, T. Sully, A. Yates, I. Kesler, A. W. Gillingham, G. M. Rowley, J. T. Logan.

The following is a synopsis of the business transacted by the board:

The following committees were elected:

On Appropriations—F. H. Ashcraft, B. D. Fay, Mendal B. Miller, I. Kesler, J. T. Logan.

The Auditing Committee—W. A. Sellew, A. Beers, T. Sully.

On Cancellation of Loans—B. R. Jones, A. Yates, G. M. Rowley.

On Location of Educational Institutions—W. T. Hogue, J. A. Watson, A. W. Gillingham.

On Recognition of Schools—W. Pearce, A. Beers, J. T. Logan.

On Unpaid Loans—T. Sully, M. B. Miller.

The treasurer's report was read and adopted.

E. G. Burritt was re-elected a member of the board of directors of the Advisory Board.

The following loans were granted: S. L. Antrim, \$55; John Marriott, \$30; Lucie E. Kelly, \$55; Harry McGill, \$60; Maria Green, \$55; E. Sitzter, \$50; Daisy Sitzter, \$50; W. A. Fish, \$75; P. C. Kenton, \$55; H. L. Smith, \$25; A. C. Lasswell, \$75; C. H. Jett, \$50; P. H. Brooke, \$75; George Steins, \$75; R. Height, \$75; ———, \$25; ———, \$55; Mary Shafer, \$35; E. Nordrum, \$24; D. M. Wells, \$30; A. L. Grinnell, \$100; B. M. Wood, \$75.

The Advisory Bureau submitted their report, which was accepted and placed on file.

EDUCATIONAL AND CHILDRENS FUNDS

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts from October 1, 1908, to October 1, 1909

CONFERENCES	Education Fund	Children's Fund	CONFERENCES	Education Fund	Children's Fund
Arkansas and Southern Missouri.....	\$ 2 00	5 53	North Minnesota.....		13 40
California.....	9 35	1 00	Ohio.....	\$ 13 26	8 05
Central Illinois.....		5 50	Oil City.....	5 57	19 69
Colorado.....	1 00	20 73	Oklahoma.....	18 63	35 37
Columbia River.....		2 20	Oregon.....		4 11
East Michigan.....	19 15	32 66	Pittsburg.....	7 69	36 52
East Ontario.....			Platte River.....	1 25	
Genesee.....	12 62	48 66	South Africa Mission.....	15 00	
Illinois.....	11 24	13 25	South Dakota.....	1 98	6 15
Iowa.....	3 26	30 03	Southern California.....	10 44	20 82
Kansas.....	8 75	29 50	Susquehanna.....	9 04	14 00
Kentucky and Tennessee.....		6 75	Texas.....		
Louisiana.....			Wabash.....	9 70	11 33
Michigan.....	10 48	10 03	Washington.....	13 25	6 82
Minnesota and Northern Iowa.....		2 15	Western Canada.....		
Missouri.....	1 00	1 00	West Iowa.....	1 50	6 50
Nebraska.....		14 68	West Kansas.....	1 00	27 38
New York.....	10 82	21 60	West Ontario.....		
North Dakota.....	1 00	16 50	Wisconsin.....	1 00	6 85
North Indiana.....	3 00	12 08			
North Michigan.....	2 29	13 02	Total.....	\$ 205 27	\$ 502 86

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Education Fund—On hand October 1st, 1908.....	\$ 226 19	
Receipts during the year.....	205 27	\$ 431 46
Paid out during the year.....		140 00
On hand October 1st, 1909.....		\$ 291 56
Children's Fund—On hand October 1st, 1908.....	\$ 870 88	
Receipts during the year.....	502 86	\$1373 74
Paid out during the year.....		965 00
On hand October 1st, 1909.....		\$408 74
Board of Education—On hand October 1st, 1908.....	\$ 198 80	
Received on notes.....	285 25	
Received on interest.....	3 00	\$ 487 05
Paid expenses.....		57 65
On hand October 1st, 1909.....		\$ 429 40

Proceedings of the GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD of the Free Methodist Church of North America

MEMBERS

BISHOP WALTER A. SELLEW, <i>President</i> BISHOP BURTON R. JONES, REV. BENJAMIN WINGET, <i>Missionary Secretary</i> , REV. J. M. EAGLE (Second District), REV. W. W. VINSON (Fourth District), W. B. BERTELS (First District), W. S. STEPHENS (Third District), W. W. STEWART (Fifth District), MRS. MARY M. ROBINSON (W. F. M. S.), MRS. ADELAIDE L. BEERS, (W. F. M. S.).	BISHOP WILLIAM PEARCE. BISHOP WILLIAM T. HOGUE, REV. J. S. M'GEARY, (First District), REV. C. E. HARROUN, JR. (Third District), REV. W. W. BRUCE (Fifth District), C. L. OSGOOD (Second District), F. W. WARREN (Fourth District), MRS. REBECCA E. SELLEW (W. F. M. S.),
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BISHOP WALTER A. SELLEW, <i>President</i> , BISHOP B. R. JONES, <i>Vice-president</i> , W. W. VINSON,	B. WINGET, <i>Secretary</i> , J. S. M'GEARY, BISHOP WILLIAM PEARCE, MRS. MARY M. ROBINSON.
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(The resignation of S. K. J. Chesbro, who formerly held the office of treasurer of the General Missionary Board, was presented and was accepted. Thomas Sully was duly elected treasurer of the board, to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of S. K. J. Chesbro. All moneys for foreign missions should be sent to Thomas Sully, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, excepting the monies raised by the W. F. M. S., which should be sent to Mrs. Lillian Camp Jensen, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.)

PROCEEDINGS

The general missionary board met pursuant to a notice published in *The Free Methodist*, at the Free Methodist Publishing House, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, Wednesday, October 13, 1909, at two o'clock p. m.

The president, Bishop Walter A. Sellaw, called the general missionary board to order, and presided.

The hymn entitled "Salvation, O the Joyful Sound," was announced and sung. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Adelaide Beers, Bishop Walter A. Sellaw, B. Winget, and W. B. Bertels.

The Scripture lesson, by request of the president, was read by the missionary secretary, and consisted of the latter part of the tenth chapter of Romans.

The hymn entitled, "The Morning Light Is Breaking," was then announced and sung.

Secretary B. Winget called the roll, and the following members answered to their names:

Walter A. Sellaw, B. Winget, J. S. McGeary, C. E. Harroun, Jr., W. W. Vinson, W. W. Bruce, W. B. Bertels, W. S. Stephens, F. W. Warren, Mrs. Rebecca E. Sellaw, Mrs. Mary M. Robinson and Mrs. Adelaide L. Beers.

It was moved that Bishop Edward P. Hart be, and is hereby considered an honorary member of this board. The motion carried.

Seventeen sittings were held, and one sitting of the board of directors. The annual report of the missionary secretary was read, as follows:

MISSIONARY SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD:

As I call to mind that a year ago at the time of our annual meeting I seemed to be near the border of the grave my heart is full of gratitude to God for His blessing which has restored me, so fully, to health. Surely His mercy has been great unto me.

Because of my sickness and slow recovery, my work accumulated, and when I was able to take charge of it, I found much extra work to be done. The financial condition of the country has effected our receipts for foreign missions, and there has been such a falling off that it has occasioned much extra labor and care in seeking to have the needs of our treasury supplied. I have feared that such an experience as we have had the past year would overtake our treasury. It is difficult to foresee such conditions and to wholly avoid them. With a lack of funds in our treasury, and the missionaries' needs not being supplied, the only way that I saw to have this done was to make personal appeals to our people for more liberal donations, and also for loans at a low rate of interest. This was done before our directors had their meeting in May; and at that time the condition of the treasury was considered, and the plan, which the secretary had already followed, was considered by the directors and his course approved, and he and the treasurer were authorized to follow this plan, as fully as in their judgment was thought best, in order to secure the necessary funds. Before, and since the meeting of the directors, special appeals have been made in the church paper, which have resulted in securing additional loans and donations. The president of the board has rendered valuable assistance in securing financial help. We are in hopes that with the new administration in working order and the tariff question settled, business will revive and the offerings of our people for missionary work will be largely increased the coming year.

It has been a source of regret to myself, and to others, that it became necessary to make an appeal to our people for the loan of so much money; however, it seemed to be the only course to pursue in order to meet the imperative needs of our missionaries and the work, and save our board from reproach and the church from dishonor at home and abroad. Notwithstanding the efforts put forth, and the money loaned, the appropriations have not been paid on time, and it has been necessary for missionaries on the foreign field and some in the homeland, to borrow money for a time to meet their needs. I call your attention to the fact that we have been borrowing money from the publishing house in the years gone by; but our publishing house has been built the past year, therefore the funds which have been borrowed by the missionary treasury to help it out in times of emergency, were not available, hence an increasing stringency was felt. This, together with the greater financial depression throughout the country, are some reasons why it has been necessary to borrow so much money. It is quite common with different boards, to provide an "Emergency" or "Working Fund," because with them, as with our board, there are certain times of the year when their receipts are much less comparatively than at other times, and such a fund is necessary to provide for the needs of the work until larger receipts are received.

The secretary of a board told me, a few years ago, that they provided such a "working fund" as I have referred to, by bringing the needs of their treasury before their people, and inviting them to give the board means toward this fund in gifts on which annuities were to be received during the lifetime of the donors, and also loans without interest, or, with a low rate of interest, but not to exceed five per cent. He also said that pains were taken to inform their people that it would be desirable if some of those who loaned money to the board, later, should be able to make their loans a gift. The experience of the past year, in relation to our missionary treasury, emphasizes the importance of making more definite and sufficient provision for such another time of need. It seems that the board, at its last annual meeting, did not think that the prospect was more unfavorable for as large receipts as had been given

in 1907 and 1908, but, probably thought the receipts for this year would be larger. This appears to be so from the fact that they made little larger appropriations last year than the year before, according to the receipts for each year. It is a difficult matter to anticipate contingencies which may arise, either on the foreign field, or in the homeland, which relate to our foreign missionary work. It is expected that the board will be able to be so wisely conservative as to not be involved in any serious financial embarrassment. It is the opinion of your secretary that the board should be slow about becoming responsible for the outgoing expenses and salaries of new missionaries, but rather, should increase, as is needed, its allowance for the special needs of those who are already on the field, and provide properly for the strengthening and upbuilding of the work. There is danger of lengthening the cords without strengthening the stakes and this will cause weakness, if not a measure of failure.

I do not think there would have been the financial lack in our treasury which has been so badly felt the past year, had our people more generally looked on the fields and had had an increasing spirit of prayer for the coming triumph of the kingdom of God in all the earth. It is to be hoped that upon all our people, as well as the universal church, there will be poured out, in a larger measure, the spirit of grace and supplications for the enlargement and triumph of the kingdom of our glorious Redeemer. I judge that not more than one-half, or two-thirds, of the members of the Free Methodist church, are giving regularly for foreign missions. Evidently if the other one-half, or one-third of our people, should become as much interested as those who are now giving regularly for the work, the increase in the receipts of our missionary treasury would be so enlarged that not only we could meet present accepted obligations, but also have our work enlarged. In order that we, as a people, do our part in fulfilling the Great Commission, and make the most of the inviting opportunities before us, there needs to be brought before our people, and especially those among us who have the most means, their privileges to make larger gifts, and the importance of their doing this. More generally our people need to accept their exalted privileges, as well as their superlative obligations to share in this crowning work of our glorious Redeemer and coming King. An example of this principle is given by a father, who is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and whose daughter attended our college at Greenville the past year, and by so doing became acquainted with our people and was so interested in them that she felt her place was in the Free Methodist church. She joined it and returned to her home in Iowa and told her father what she had done. He had been supporting one or two missionaries in China for some time and desired to have her go out and be associated with them in missionary work; but she expressed her persuasion, as she believed from the Lord, that she should go out under our board. At first he hesitated about giving his consent, and made some inquiries concerning the standing of our board. I replied to these, and later the daughter wrote me that he was willing she should go out under our board, and not only so, but he would pay her outgoing expenses and her salary for a year or two. Probably he will do so for years, unless some extraordinary cause should hinder him. Doubtless there are persons, who are members of our church, who, if possessed with the same missionary spirit that this brother in the Methodist Episcopal church has, would not only be willing to pay the cost of an outgoing missionary, and their allowance while on the field, but would also be willing to have their own son or daughter be the one whom their money shall support.

The different boards, especially in recent years, have been enlarging their work by emphasizing the privileges and responsibilities of individuals and of the local churches. There is also a greater interest taken by an individual or a church, when they know that their gifts are supporting a certain person on the field. Another way in which the needs of the work may be increasingly supplied and the work enlarged, is by some persons accepting the responsibility of giving toward the support of a missionary and securing the balance needed for this purpose by subscriptions. The signs of the times are porteu-

tious, evidencing that the Spirit of God is moving upon the nominal church and causing her to look, very intently, upon the foreign field and to pray more earnestly for the sending forth of laborers.

It seems that we are living in a very auspicious time and God is marshalling His professed people to the great work of fulfilling our Lord's "Commission," to give the gospel message to all the world and gather out His elect from all nations, for His coming and kingdom. It is to be hoped that we, as a holiness church, will not fail of seeing our exalted privileges at this time, and be found wanting in coming up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. May His Spirit so illuminate us, as members of the board, and the church whom we represent, that together we shall move forward and fulfil our Savior's purpose concerning us, and thereby bring glory unto our God and help to have Him see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied.

We have quite a number of applicants, who are saying to the board, "Here am I, send me." I think it has been stated that the Church Missionary Society of the Established Church of England sends out all worthy candidates who apply to it, even though they have to borrow means for this purpose. It seems that there should be a correspondence between the means provided and the applicants to be sent out. There is no doubt but what there is much work to be done in our own land, and a field of labor can be found anywhere, but, as a rule, the people in our own land are heathen because they will be. Upon them the light of the glorious gospel has shown and is shining, whilst in far away lands multitudes have never had it intelligently and fully presented to them. It is said that Andrew Fuller preached three successive Sabbaths to his congregation on the importance of giving the gospel to all the world, and at the close of the third sermon his people had become so deeply impressed with the purpose and power of the gospel, which is adapted to all the world, and should be preached to all the world, that their faith said, Then we must claim more fruit here at home. Resultant from this was a glorious revival. As God's perfect and loving purpose, as well as provisions, embrace giving the gospel to all the world, therefore, when individuals and churches honor Him by a believing, practical acceptance of these great truths, God must, and will honor them. In our own church it has been manifested that those who thus honor the Lord by the exercise of a large and practical faith to do their part in giving the gospel to all the world, God honors them and blesses their labors in the homeland. The word is, "Them that honor Me, I will honor."

We have special reasons for gratitude and thanksgiving to God for the encouragement which has come to us from the reports from the different fields during the past year and also because that, although some of our missionaries have been afflicted in body and their health impaired, nevertheless, none of them have died. Doubtless we should exercise more wisdom in regard to the time missionaries are required to remain on the field before returning home. As far as possible it is important that missionaries be permitted to return ere their health is so impaired that they will not be able to go back. Also, care should be exercised to not encourage them to return unless the condition of their health requires it. We have need of continual prayer and the exercise of wise judgment in the selection of candidates for the foreign work.

AFRICA

It is gratifying to know that there has been such a spirit of unity among the missionaries in Africa during the past year, as this is so very important in order to have the greatest success. One of the greatest hindrances to the work on the foreign field, as well as the home field is a lack of the realization of the prayer of our Savior, that they may be one, as He and His Father are one. Surely it is necessary that God's people everywhere, and emphatically the missionaries on the foreign field, "endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

Our Girl's School at Fair View, in charge of Sister Allen, has never had

such a large attendance as during the past year. Sister Reed and Sister Allen, who are in charge of the school, had prayed, and I suppose others joined them in prayer that more scholars might come in, and their prayers have been surprisingly answered. So many girls came that it was necessary to have them sleep on the veranda of the school building in a tent. They are now praying for, and calling to the board to provide means for a larger building to accommodate the increased attendance at the school.

The school building at Edwaleni has been delayed because of the sickness among the cattle which prevented their being used, and also because of a lack in our treasury, which has prevented funds being sent as they expected.

The work on the other stations in Natal, at Greenville and Itemba, is encouraging. A. E. Haley and wife have passed through very testing experiences because of her sickness. This has hindered them in their missionary work. I am glad to report that she is much better, and the prospect is that they will soon be able to give their time and attention to the work as in the past.

Brother Anderson, who is located at Greenville, has put forth special efforts to evangelize the natives. Brother Woods reports a greater amount of products raised on the farm the past year than ever before. If the prices which he receives for these products were not so very small, the returns would be very encouraging and helpful to our mission work. It is to be hoped that there will be a change for the better in this respect.

We have reason for special thankfulness and gratitude to God for His blessing on our work in Natal during the past year. At Germiston the work has been carried on similar to what it has been in years past. Brother Kragerud's health has become so impaired that it was thought necessary for him to have a furlough, but because of shortage of funds, this request was waived. Notwithstanding the recent Portuguese laws, which it was feared would greatly conflict with the success of our work at Inhambane, our missionaries have been permitted to go forward about as in the past, excepting that they have applied themselves more diligently to the study of the Portuguese language in order to prepare for probable, future contingencies. Brother Miller and wife, with their two children, are now at Inhambane, but Brother Smith has had a very severe attack of blackwater fever. His wife also had fever, and it was necessary for them to return to Natal. We now have in the homeland an unusual number of returned missionaries from Africa, but circumstances and the condition of the health of most of those who return are reasons for their being here. There is a tendency on the part of some of our people at home to look upon the return of so many missionaries to the homeland as a discouraging feature of the work; however, in doing this work for, and in the name of the Master, the church must need accept conditions as they are and her faith should not be hindered because of these, but rather it should be superior to them and expect that He, who is able to do exceedingly, abundantly, above all that we ask or think, will give success and victory, notwithstanding special difficulties and seeming discouragements.

It is very important that sufficient funds be sent to Africa, as soon as possible, for completing the school building at Edwaleni, and it is to be hoped that the funds in our treasury will enable the board to provide for a new school building at Fair View for the Girls' school. Special prayer is needed that God will overrule so that the Portuguese law will not materially hinder the work which has been so auspiciously begun and carried on at Inhambane. Dr. Backenstoe still remains in Africa.

INDIA

I am pleased to inform you that good reports have been received from our missionaries on this field. The work among the children has gone on satisfactorily and a number of them have been saved. Two couples from our grown-up orphans were married some time ago and one of these couples is rendering

valuable assistance to Brother and Sister Ward in the work at Darwah. We certainly have special reasons for encouragement because of the work done by our missionaries for our orphans in India and the progress they have made on different lines.

The spirit of unity and love among our missionaries on this field is very gratifying. The statistical report shows that there are forty members and seventeen probationers. Eighteen acres of land has been secured for a new station at Umbri and some preparatory work in the way of out-buildings, etc., has been done toward having the station fully equipped for work. I think this new station is well located, being situated between Yeotmal and Wun on the main road and near another village just off of the main road. It is five miles from Pandhakawada, the place where they first applied for a building site, which is a large village. The station is also contiguous to many other villages. This makes four principal stations in our district, one in each taluk. The government has given a grant of land, both at Darwah and Yeotmal for sites for school and church buildings.

I am glad that the missionaries recently sent out to India have had better privileges for the diligent study of the language and have made encouraging progress. Miss Allee's health has been poor and because of this she has been hindered in her studies. Sister Ward has had a very serious illness during the past year, and because of her feeble condition of health, it is thought she should have the privilege of a furlough to the homeland the coming year, and, probably it will be best for him to accompany her, if means will admit.

In accordance with the action taken by the board at its annual meeting in 1907, and with its action of last year, Herbert M. Damon and wife, and Miss Louise D. Calkins are to embark for India on the steamer "Berlin" which is listed to leave New York November 6th. At their annual meeting request was made that the board supply the work with five additional missionaries. The opening of a new station necessitates the sending forth of additional workers. It is to be hoped that in the near future Brother and Sister Clarke, and Sister Southworth will be able to return to India. Considerable gospel seed has been sown on that field, with not as large returns as on other fields, but we can confidently expect that the labors of our missionaries will not be in vain, even there, "but in due season they will reap if they faint not."

JAPAN

I think it is remarkable the reports which continue to come to your secretary of the conversion of souls and the sanctification of believers, together with the general growing interest of our work in Japan. I was recently told by Brother Matthewson that our congregations at Nippon Bashi are larger than the combined congregations at two other mission churches. Our congregations are not so large at this place, where they hold services every night, that they cannot be accommodated, and for this reason the request has come to your secretary for an appropriation toward purchasing another lot, adjoining the one we already have at Nippon Bashi, as we will not be permitted to build nearer to the line on this lot than one and one-half feet. As soon as possible, after the adjoining lot is secured, they desire to have means provided for a church large enough to accommodate their congregation. It is uncertain when it will be necessary to move the building on our lot at Nippon Bashi. This will not be done until the street is enlarged in connection with putting in an electric line. We cannot build on the front part of the lot until this is done.

The spirit of love and harmony among the missionaries and native workers is much appreciated. The new missionaries seem to be making good progress in the study of the language. Request has been made by the secretary in Japan that they change their banking business because of a lack of courtesy toward them on the part of the bank where they have been depositing money, and that they be permitted to do business with another bank.

I consented to this, providing there was as good evidence of the stability and financial standing of the bank to which they transferred their funds as the one which they have been patronizing.

Because of the cost of living in a large city like Osaka, therefore, the missionaries have requested that some additional allowances be given for the missionaries and their children. Judging from the information received, there has been quite an increase in the cost of living in Japan in connection with and since the close of the war, and I judge this is especially so in the large cities; therefore, it seems reasonable that the board should make a proportionate additional allowance to meet the greater needs of the workers and their families. It costs so much to provide the expense of outgoing missionaries that it seems to be a wise economy for the board to expend some additional funds in order to preserve the health of its workers and meet their needs rather than have their health fail sooner than it otherwise would, and it becomes necessary for them to return home prematurely. A year or so ago we sent several good tents to Japan to be used in camping out on the mountains or hills during the hottest part of the weather. These are much appreciated. Doubtless the missionaries should be encouraged to camp out for the improvement of their health.

CHINA

God has given help to our workers in China. The most of the workers are making satisfactory progress in the study of the language. I think there is an increasing interest in our work on the part of the Chinese, and we can confidently expect that the seed sowing which God has enabled them to do *will be watered* from on high and bring forth fruit. There have been some changes in connection with the work at Yungte Hsien, which is in charge of Brother Scofield. Some who have been saved have been taken to their reward, and I think some have moved away. Brother and Sister Scofield have written encouraging letters stating that the Lord has given them new strength and they seem quite well satisfied that they are still in China. I suppose the board know that they started to come home on furlough and got as far as Shanghai and returned. This seems to be an object lesson, teaching us that we should not be too hasty in consenting to the furloughs of our missionaries.

A new station has been opened at Chi Hsien, a city of the third rank, thirty miles east of Kai Feng Fu, and Brother Frank R. Millican is in charge of the same. The China Inland Mission has been working this place as an out-station for a number of years and have over half a dozen members and several inquirers there. They were short of workers and are unable to carry on all of the work they have opened, and so have kindly turned over the Chi Hsien district to our mission. It is one of the richest and most thickly settled regions in this province and a very promising field, as there are no other missions within a radius of thirty miles on either side. Kai Feng Fu is the nearest railroad point to it and it can be reached from there in a day by Chinese cart. There is talk of a railroad to be built in that direction in the near future. The China Inland Mission had a small chapel there, but they have turned it over to us, but as yet we have been unable to secure a suitable compound for a home, but probably will do so before fall.

According to information given, it seems that our orphanage work may be enlarged at Tsing Kiang Pu. The generous gifts which have come to our board from the *Christian Herald* are especially encouraging. An appropriation is asked for \$2,000 for a building for the missionaries to occupy. The number of orphans now being cared for by our missionaries at Tsing Kiang Pu is forty-one, fourteen girls and twenty-seven boys. I should think another man and his wife ought to be there to assist Brother Fletcher.

The board, at its last annual meeting, made an additional appropriation of \$600 for Brother Honn to open up work among the Cantonese. Because of the lack of funds in our treasury, your secretary thought best, judging that you would approve of his course in the matter, to direct our superin-

tendent in China, and Brother Honn, to not proceed to open up work among the Cantonese, but delay until this meeting and further action was taken by the board. For several reasons, I judge it is not best for the board to commence work among the Cantonese at Shanghai at this time; first, because of the additional expense it will involve at first, and the enlarged expense as the work progresses. The work may be commenced by Brother and Sister Honn, but very soon the board will need to make provision for and send out additional workers to take the place of Brother and Sister Honn, because circumstances may necessitate their home coming. There will be considerable cost at first in providing a place for Brother and Sister Honn to live, and for the work connected with the mission, and this expense will necessarily increase. With the responsibilities we have in the province of Honan, in the large cities which we have already entered and the work which we have accepted at Tsing Kiang Pu, it does not seem wise and justifiable for our board to open work among the Cantonese.

At our last annual meeting Misses Mattie Peterson and Mary Ogren were accepted and appointed to China. Friends of Miss Peterson at Seattle have pledged money for her support when on the field, and money has been pledged for Miss Ogren's outgoing expenses and outfit so that we expect they will leave Seattle for China November 9th. Miss Ruth Mylander, of Iowa, whom I referred to in the former part of this report, but not by name, feels called to go to China and will consent to go to Japan, and her father has pledged to pay her outgoing expenses and support her for an indefinite length of time on the field. She has very good recommendations and is a worthy candidate. Should you accept her, she will expect to go out with Misses Peterson and Ogren, either to China or Japan. Doubtless the favorable circumstances which are connected with her application will lead you to accept and appoint her to the foreign field, either China or Japan.

In the former part of this report I referred to Dr. Backenstoe being appointed to China. There have been some new developments since the last annual meeting in relation to provisions for Dr. Backenstoe to take an additional medical course in England. His proposition is that he remain in Africa instead of going to China. The majority of the workers in Africa are very desirous that he should take the course in England and return to labor in Africa. We have received a letter signed by Messrs. Pugh and Larkin in which they make a strong appeal for him to be left in Africa because of the importance of his services to our missionaries, to the colonists, and to the natives. I think there are others who are in agreement with them in regard to Dr. Backenstoe's remaining in Africa.

Probably you will recollect that Brother A. L. Grinnell has been in attendance at the Hahnemann Medical College on the Pacific Coast for a year, and will take a four years' course. The women of the Southern California conference have loaned him money toward meeting his expenses, with the expectation on their and his part that when he has completed his course he will be accepted by our board and appointed to China as a medical missionary. I do not think it wise for our board to send out two medical missionaries to China at present, or in the near future; therefore, it seems best that the board change its action in relation to Dr. Backenstoe and leave him in Africa, excepting as he may take a medical course in England, and as soon as Brother A. L. Grinnell is prepared, accept and appoint him as a medical missionary to China.

SANTO DOMINGO

The Lord has given encouragement to our workers in the Dominican Republic. One prominent man at San Francisco de Macoris has given evidence of being converted, and our missionaries are hopeful that he will make an evangelist. A special donation has been made toward the support of a native worker. The new missionaries, I judge, have been making satisfactory progress in the acquirement of the language, and it is stated that Miss Nellie Whiffen and Brother Nichols are able to preach in the Spanish.

Your secretary explained to the directors in the meeting held in January his reasons for not having the missionaries go to the south side of the island, as he expected, and the missionaries approved of the change consented to by him in regard to this matter. Briefly, the reasons are, first, that he received further information after his report made to the board a year ago last fall, which evidences that there are more workers on the south side in proportion to the population, than on the north side; secondly, the country on the north side is richer in products than the south side; thirdly, Sister Clark, who has been there for many years, changed her mind in regard to the location of the new missionaries and concluded that it was best for them to locate on the north side instead of the south side of the island. Several of the new missionaries, especially Brother Winans, who took a tour of investigation to the south side with Brother Mills, thought it was best to have our missionaries on the north side instead of the south side of the island. As far as I know, our missionaries are satisfied with this location, and I trust it will prove to be wise. Both of the stations which are occupied by our missionaries are at the termination of two branches of the main road to Samana Bay and are in a very rich, productive portion of the island.

I have had a number of letters from the missionaries in regard to purchasing a site for a church at San Francisco de Macoris and for a house for the missionaries, one or both. A very interested friend of the mission is ready to give \$250 toward securing church property at San Francisco de Macoris. Perhaps this will be the principal station of our work and it is desirable to have a church building there and a place for the missionaries to live. Should the Lord open the hearts of His people to build a church for Him at this place it will be the first Protestant church in the interior on the north part of the island.

B. WINGET.

On motion, the report was received.

The following named persons were severally elected directors of the general missionary board:

Bishop Walter A. Sellew, president; Bishop Burton R. Jones, vice-president; Bishop William Pearce, J. S. McGeary, W. W. Vinson, Mrs. Mary M. Robinson. (The secretary, B. Winget, is one of the directors by virtue of his office).

The report of the missionary treasurer for the year ending October 1, 1909, was read by Thomas Sully, as follows: (See report.)

On motion, it was received.

General Conference Evangelist C. W. Stamp submitted his report which was on motion, received:

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD OF THE
FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA:

Through the mercy and grace of our heavenly Father, we are able to report another year of prosperity. Our efforts to promote revivals and to bring men to God have been given a measure of success. While all the meetings have, to some degree, been owned of the Lord, and were seasons of refreshing, some of the revivals were accompanied with remarkable manifestations of divine power, and many were saved.

It was our desire and intention to divide the time and give to each part of the territory specified, a portion of the year. However, the revivals continued longer in some places than we had expected, and we are behind time in fulfilling your request; though we have arranged to spend the winter on the Pacific Coast, and by the time this report reaches you, we will be engaged in revival services in Portland, Oregon.

We have labored in New England, according to your directions, and have kept other evangelists on the field most of the year. Rev. W. Mayfield has given nearly the entire summer there at our request, and the value of his labors throughout the district, both on the organized work and in new places,

cannot be estimated. Rev. C. M. Hartson has done faithful and efficient work for us, holding evangelistic services continuously through the year.

We were not privileged to be at the Susquehanna conference this year, and I have just learned that the district elder, Rev. E. H. Wyeth, was also prevented from going. The appointments for the New England field, therefore, were made by the stationing committee, with but little instruction from the field. We trust and pray that the results will be blessed, and the work will be greatly strengthened.

We shall engage Rev. Carl Steucke as one of our assistant evangelists for that work, and shall have others labor there as the necessary funds can be raised, provided your honorable body should consider it proper to place the field under our supervision another year.

Through the earnest solicitation of the ministers of the Western Canada conference, we labored four months on that territory. The kindness of our brethren there, and the special help in some of the revivals, will never be forgotten.

In all, we held revivals and special services in the following named places: Springfield, Massachusetts; Clinton, Massachusetts; Worcester, Massachusetts; Hampton, Connecticut; Hartford, Connecticut, and some time was spent in Vermont. Aside from New England, we held meetings at Penn Yan, New York; Clarkson, New York; Albion, New York; Parma Center, New York; Port Rowan, Ontario; Burlington, Iowa; Estevan, Saskatchewan; Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan; Westview, Saskatchewan; Edmonton, Alberta; Bruce, Alberta; Faulkton, South Dakota; Burtrum, Minnesota; Motley, Minnesota, and Second Church, Chicago. We also attended the commencement exercises at Wessington Springs, South Dakota, and preached the annual sermon.

We have our three tabernacles on the field, and have assisted in the support of Rev. T. Kawabe and family, in Japan. C. W. STAMP.

Mrs. Blanche E. Stamp, general missionary, submitted the following report, which was duly received:

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD. DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS:

It has pleased my heavenly Father to grant strength and a degree of power that I might be able to continue in the missionary work another year, for which I feel very grateful. Through all the toil and the many meetings, I have felt the support of divine love and care.

Much of my time has been given to the home fields, though I have preached many sermons and held a large number of meetings in the interest of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. We have raised considerable money for the foreign work, received numbers into the local societies, and taken a goodly number of subscriptions for *The Missionary Tidings*, besides organizing a number of new societies.

One feature of the work is the distribution of tracts during the revivals. Taking our position at the door, as the people go out, we hand the unsaved a tract that frequently brings its reward in the awakening of the soul, as well as in comfort to our own hearts.

All my time is given to the work of a missionary, and encouragement comes from the fact that God is able to use weak instrumentality to bring the lost to Himself.

I have labored in all except two of the revivals and camp-meetings conducted by my husband, and have traveled through New England, the middle West, and in the Western Canada conference, covering a distance of several thousand miles. A part of this year is to be given to the Coast conferences, and we pray that the Spirit may be poured out upon us in a special manner, and that it may be the most successful season of our lives. Respectfully submitted,

BLANCHE E. STAMP.

Rev. S. K. Wheatlake, general conference evangelist, submitted his report, as follows. It was duly received:

TO THE MISSIONARY BOARD OF THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH. MR. PRESIDENT
AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

It is with profound gratitude to the Lord, for His mercy toward and care over me during the past year, that I submit to you my annual report. The past year has been one of hard work, but nevertheless much enjoyed, because of the goodly degree of God's blessing on my own soul, and also on many others with whom I have associated. I have found a fair degree of spirituality among our people throughout the territory in which I have been laboring, with but few exceptions. I have been very kindly received and cared for by the people, and the district elders and pastors have heartily coöperated with me in my work.

After holding a short meeting at Alvin, Illinois, at which a few were saved and purified, and united with the church, in compliance with your request I began labors within the bounds of the Minnesota and Northern Iowa, and the North Minnesota conferences. I labored among them over three months, and found them much in need of help. I held meetings at the following places in Minnesota: Osakis, Burtrum, and Glenville; and at Mason City and Plymouth, Iowa. I found some of these societies in a very much discouraged condition. One of them, which had no pastor, was about ready to disband. God was pleased to especially pour out His Spirit at each place, and permitted us to see many souls saved, reclaimed, and wholly sanctified. The great need of this field seems to be found in the fact that they do not have enough pastors to supply the work.

I then went East and held meetings at Titusville, Franklin, and Tarentum, Pennsylvania. At Titusville, we had a hard battle with the powers of darkness for over three weeks and, notwithstanding we have some most excellent saints who seemed to have the work of God at heart, and our church located in a favorable place, but few of the outside people attended, and but little apparent good was accomplished, saving that few were reclaimed and purified and some were renewed in faith and courage. At Franklin and Tarentum we held two splendid meetings. God came in power and many were clearly saved and sanctified, and a number who had been looking toward us for a church home for some time, were induced to live up with the truth and unite with us.

I spent the month of June in the East Ontario conference in camp-meeting and tent-meeting work, and witnessed some gracious outpourings of the Holy Spirit.

I then proceeded to Bad Axe, Michigan, and held a tent-meeting. We have but a small society and no place of worship at that place. The tent being favorably located, we soon had a fine attendance, and God gave us several souls, saved and purified. Several joined the society, and among them was one of the leading business men of the city, which was a great inspiration to the society.

I assisted in camp-meetings at the following places: Sharon and Pleasantville, Pennsylvania, and Toddville, Iowa. These camp-meetings were seasons of refreshings from the presence of the Lord.

Brother Flower having resigned his work in the South, and being strongly urged by the district elder, and under the recommendation of two of our bishops, I went to Gallatin, Tennessee, and dedicated a church and spent a week with them in meetings, which proved a great blessing to our work at that place.

I then went into Kentucky and spent the month of September in tent-meetings. At Petroleum, we found some very trying matters in the way of the meeting, but after a few days the cloud of darkness lifted and we had a sweep of old-fashioned victory. At Wrightsburg we had victory from the start to the end of the meeting. Our people said it was the best meeting ever held in that section of the state.

I have given nearly one-half of my time this year to the most needy parts of our work. I have traveled about six thousand miles in reaching my meetings; preached 435 sermons; raised \$120 for incidental expenses, and over

400 souls have been saved, reclaimed and wholly sanctified. A goodly number of these were outside of the Free Methodist church. About ninety have united with the church, the most of them on probation.

I am, at present, much worn and tired in body, and am now taking a much needed rest, for a few days, in Michigan, before beginning my fall and winter work. Yours for souls,

S. K. WHEATLAKE.

The board requested General Conference Evangelists F. H. Ashcraft and S. K. Wheatlake to each labor for a period of four months, during the revival season, in the South, and the rest of the year in other parts of the work, according as in their judgment may seem best.

The board also took action and requested General Conference Evangelist C. W. Stamp and wife to spend four months laboring in the New England field this year.

Important items of business were referred to committees, which gave due consideration to the same.

The following named missionaries, home on furlough, addressed the board regarding their work: Miss Lucy A. Hartman and Miss Effie Southworth.

Annual reports of the superintendents on the foreign fields were read, also reports from district elders of the South Africa Mission conference, and reports from some other missionaries.

Reports from W. S. Woods, superintendent of the Fair View farm, South Africa, were read and received.

Reports from missionaries in the homeland were also read and received.

The board approved of the South Africa Mission conference electing its treasurers, for receiving all money, both in Africa, and appropriations sent out by the board.

The board elected superintendents for the different fields as follows: J. T. Taylor, for India; August Youngren, for Japan; C. Floyd Appleton, for China.

The auditing committee, appointed by the board, reported that the books of the Japan Free Methodist Mission were carefully and correctly kept.

The reports of the treasurers from other mission fields were not presented to the auditing committee.

The board elected treasurers for the different fields as follows: J. T. Taylor, for India; S. E. Cooper, for Japan; Miss Edith Jones, for China; Roy E. Nichols, for the Dominican Republic.

Papers were read from our missionaries in Japan, which made an urgent request for the board to provide, as soon as possible, \$5,000 or \$10,000 (the latter sum it was thought was imperatively needed) for the purchase of an additional lot by the side of one which is already owned by the mission, and the erection of the necessary building on the two lots, for church and mission purposes. It was thought to be imperatively necessary that the aforesaid provision be made, in order to successfully advance our work, and also in order that a desirable place, centrally located, be provided, where the holiness people of the city, and of places contiguous thereto, can have a place for general gatherings. Because of the lack of funds, the board did not feel free to make any appropriation for this very imperative need.

There were other imperative needs on different fields which, because of the lack of funds, the board did not grant the request from these fields.

The applications and recommendations of the following named persons, for acceptance and appointment to the foreign field, were presented: Miss Ruth Mylander, of North Platte, Nebraska; Misses Harriet A. Schuler and Myrta Smith, both of Franklin, Pennsylvania.

The outgoing expenses of these persons to the foreign field, and their salaries while on the field, are to be provided for outside of the funds of the general missionary board. Because of this, the board accepted Miss Ruth Mylander as a regular board missionary, and appointed her to Japan. It also accepted Misses Harriet A. Schuler and Myrta Smith as associate mis-

sionaries, and it is understood that they are to go out to Africa with J. P. Brodhead and wife.

The secretary called the attention of the board to the names and applications of William and Agnes Caldwell, for Africa, and Miss Anna J. Hill, for India. Urgent requests had been made to the board that these parties be accepted and sent out to the before-mentioned fields, but because of the lack of the necessary funds, the board did not feel warranted in accepting them. There were quite a large number of other applicants for appointment, but as the condition of the treasury did not warrant the board in accepting them, therefore their names were not presented.

The board discontinued the relation of W. C. Willing as its missionary to Santo Domingo.

The board took no further action in regard to the purchase of the Haynes property at Durban, South Africa, excepting that it requested J. P. Brodhead to continue in correspondence with Mr. Haynes, in order that the way may be open for its purchase later, and in the meantime the matter of its purchase be referred to the South Africa Mission conference for its action.

Mrs. Rebecca E. Sellew and Mrs. Ida R. Winget, general missionaries appointed by the board, gave their reports.

"I have done most of my work as a missionary this year traveling with my husband in the regular work of his conferences, largely on the Pacific Coast. I have held separate meetings, at which I have delivered missionary addresses at the following places: Los Angeles, Pasadena, Riverside, and Corralitos, in California; Seattle and Tyler, in Washington; also at Macksville and Solomon, Kansas, and Enid, Oklahoma. Most of these were at annual conferences and were large and enthusiastic. I have also assisted in missionary meetings at the following places: Whittier, Garden Grove, Santa Ana, Riverside, Sawtelle, Hermon, Hanford, San Jose, Alameda and Sacramento, all in California. Also at Cheney, Spokane, Snohomish, Everett, and Seattle, in Washington; Salem and Portland, in Oregon; Colorado Springs, in Colorado, and at Enid, in Oklahoma; also at Gerry, New York, and at Tidioute, Tionesta, Kittanning and Pittsburg, in Pennsylvania. I have kept no memorandum of the amounts of money raised for missionary purposes at these various meetings, but the total must have been large.

REBECCA E. SELLEW."

"I have traveled in the interest of missionary work and assisted and held missionary meetings in portions of the Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, East Michigan, Susquehanna, Genesee, and East Ontario conferences.

"Respectfully submitted, IDA R. WINGET."

The resignation of S. K. J. Chesbro as treasurer of the general missionary board was presented and, on motion, was accepted. The board duly elected Thomas Sully as its treasurer, to fill the office made vacant by the resignation of S. K. J. Chesbro.

The secretary presented to the board information from Jules Ryff, Germiston, Johannesburg, South Africa, that in order to avoid moving our mission property at that place, it would be necessary to purchase several lots.

The board appointed Jules Ryff as its attorney, and authorized him to purchase the necessary number of lots, so as to not necessitate moving our mission building.

In regard to Dr. Backenstoe, the board took action approving of his remaining in Africa another year, and he is not expected to go to China.

W. B. Olmstead, our Sunday-school secretary, was appointed by the board to represent the missionary interests at the World's Sunday-school Convention, to be held in Washington, D. C., May 19-24, 1910.

It recommended that our churches join in the movement to observe Sunday, May 22, 1910, as World's Sunday-school Day, as suggested in the communication presented to the board, and also that notice of this action be

given in *The Free Methodist*, so that our pastors may be informed concerning the matter.

The secretary presented the matter of electing delegates to the World's Missionary Conference, which is to be held in Edinburgh, Scotland, June 14-24, 1910. He stated that according to the ratio of representation at the conference, the board is entitled to elect three delegates. The following named persons were elected as such delegates: Bishop W. Pearce, B. Winget, missionary secretary, and Mrs. Mary L. Coleman, president of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

The board recommended that its secretary have a request published in *The Free Methodist* that in all of the special semi-centennial services which may be held in August, 1910, whether they be single services or in connection with a camp-meeting, a special missionary service be arranged for, and that an extra effort be made to awaken a greater interest in our home and foreign missionary work, and also to strengthen that interest where it already exists, and give the congregations, so gathered, an opportunity for generous contributions for our missionary work. Further, it requested a committee appointed by the executive committee to prepare an "Order of Exercises" for the semi-centennial services, and to give the missionary interests recognition in that "Order of Exercises."

The board approved of continuing the secretary as a committee to secure the title for the property at Inhambane, East Africa.

The board approved of J. P. Brodhead and family and Misses Harriet A. Schuler and Myrta Smith going out to Africa in November. It also approved of the out-going of Herbert M. Damon and family and Miss Louise D. Calkins to India, November 6, 1910.

The secretary reported that C. C. Foreman, who was accepted by the board, a year ago, for Inhambane, East Africa, and who went out to Lisbon, Portugal, last spring, in order to study the Portuguese language, preparatory to his going to Inhambane, had returned to the homeland, because of poor health which incapacitated him to continue the study of the Portuguese language. Because of his return the board took the following action:

First, it requested the South Africa Mission conference to send and appoint, if possible, Rev. Jules Ryff to take charge of the work at Inhambane and the work connected therewith, and that he be requested to continue the study of the Portuguese language, in order to better prepare himself for the work on this field.

Second, it requested the missionary secretary to do what he can in order to secure a suitable young man, who is a good linguist, to go to Lisbon, Portugal, with a view of acquiring proficiency in the Portuguese language, preparatory to his going on, at a later date, to Inhambane, as a teacher of the Portuguese language on that mission field.

The board approved of the return of Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Clarke and Miss Effie Southworth to India, September, 1910. It also requested that the secretary arrange for the return of Miss Lucy A. Hartman to Africa in the spring of 1910, if she so desires, or in the fall of 1910, in case she does not think best to go in the spring. On motion, the board requested the missionary secretary to send out all of our missionaries to the foreign fields second class, excepting when crossing the Pacific ocean on the smaller steamers.

The secretary reported that J. I. Miller had made an offer of certain property in Pondoland to our general missionary board, for \$750. Rev. J. M. Critchlow, of the Oil City conference, having made a generous offer to provide the necessary funds for the purchase of this property one year hence, providing the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society would loan this amount to the board, from their contingent fund for one year, and the Woman's Societies having consented to this, the board approved of its purchase and appointed G. G. Kessel and J. P. Brodhead a committee to secure the property. It is expected that J. P. Brodhead and family will live in the Miller house upon their arrival in Africa, providing it is purchased and satisfactory arrangements can be made.

When it is deemed necessary, and funds can be provided for this purpose, the board approved of having a rest home for our missionaries, located at Inhambane, Germiston, Transvaal, South Africa.

The missionary secretary reported that in order to properly accommodate the orphanage and the missionaries in charge of the same, at Tsing Kiang Pu, China, land and buildings need to be provided, and the estimated cost would probably be \$1,500 or \$2,000. He stated that it was also expected that an additional number of orphans would be accepted by Fred J. Fletcher, providing the necessary accommodations were made for increasing the number. A generous offer of \$1,000 having been made by Rev. J. M. Critchlow toward providing the necessary accommodations for the orphanage, the board took action approving of making the necessary provision for the accommodation and enlargement of the orphanage. It made the request that the superintendent of our work in China, C. Floyd Appleton, be requested to go to Tsing Kiang Pu and oversee the matter of the purchase of additional property and erection of suitable buildings for the orphanage. Providing C. Floyd Appleton goes to Tsing Kiang Pu, the board approved of Frank R. Millican acting as superintendent during his absence from Honan.

The relations to the general missionary board of the following named persons were continued: Miss Emma Appling, as a superannuated missionary; Misses Edith D. Graves and Ethel Cook, also J. W. Haley and Mrs. J. W. Haley, as missionaries home on furlough.

The relations of Rev. E. M. and Mrs. E. M. Sandys, who were accepted by the board, at the annual meeting in 1907, and appointed to go out and labor at Durban, South Africa, as soon as funds would permit, were continued.

The relations of John and Mrs. John Klein, who were accepted by the general missionary board in June, 1907, and appointed to go out as missionaries to India, as soon as the funds would permit, were continued.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodford Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Troxell, who went out to China with the Holden Band, about eight years ago, were present at the board meeting and gave very interesting accounts of their labors in China. Since their return to America, a few months ago, they have united with the Free Methodist church. They hope to return to Africa later, and expressed their desire to go out under our board.

The cases of Albert and Mrs. Albert Ashton, former missionaries to India, who labored in connection with the Vanguard Missionary Movement, were presented to the board, they having recently joined the Free Methodist church, and expressed their desire to be accepted as missionaries of the board and returned to India. Because of a lack of funds, the board did not think best to accept them as regular missionaries and involve the board in additional expense for sending them out as regular missionaries; however, it accepted them as associate missionaries, as it has done other persons who have applied to be sent out, but took no financial responsibility in relation to their outgoing, or to their expense while on the field, if they return.

The board took action requesting Brother and Sister Ward to remain on the field another year, providing their health will permit. It was thought that, in view of the condition of the work in India, their services there will be much needed this year.

The board expressed its heartiest appreciation of the work of the missionary secretary in preparing, for the benefit of the board, a printed folder of the items of business of the supplementary report, which gave special information in regard to the work on the different fields where our missionaries are located. Further, it requested the missionary secretary to repeat the same next year, and mail them to the various members of the board at least two weeks before the date of the annual meeting of the board, if possible.

W. A. Sellow and B. Winget were elected a committee on finance.

The secretary made a statement concerning Mrs. George Scofield's health. She is one of our missionaries in China. On motion, the board approved of the return of Mr. and Mrs. George Scofield to the homeland, during the com-

ing year, if the condition of her health makes their return imperatively necessary.

The physical condition of some of our other missionaries on the field seems to call for their return home on furlough ere long, but in view of the great lack of funds in the treasury, the board thought it could not return any of them unless it is imperatively necessary.

It was thought by the board that some of our missionaries failed to apprehend fully the rules of the board in regard to the furloughs of its missionaries. For this reason, the secretary was requested to call their attention to the before mentioned rules as found in the "Manual for Missionary Candidates," 7, 8 and 9. Number 8, herein referred to, says: "The aim of the board is to have the average interval between furloughs ten years, or more, according to the health and circumstances of the missionaries. They will be expected to remain on the field an indefinite length of time, if their health and circumstances will permit."

The following paper was read to the board:

WHEREAS, The needs of our missionary treasury are so great in view of the lack of funds in the treasury at the beginning of this new missionary year, and the large appropriations made for our foreign missionary work, as compared with the receipts for the past year; and

WHEREAS, In order to meet the obligations the board has accepted, probably the board will need to borrow, or secure by special donations, for an emergency fund this year at least from \$6,000 to \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, We cannot have faith that we shall secure the desired end without using the means; therefore

Resolved, That we have the present imperative needs of our board presented to our people throughout the whole church and request that, as far as possible, each member accept his responsibility to the board at this time and his privilege in relation to this superlatively important part of the Master's work by giving according to his ability, and above what he has previously given, as a semi-centennial loving sacrifice to the Lord for the missionary work, as an expression of gratitude and love to the Lord for His special grace bestowed upon each individual, and for His gracious favor toward us as a people in giving us His blessing during the past fifty years.

Resolved, Second, that we appoint our bishops and general conference evangelists a committee to act in coöperation with the missionary secretary in presenting the needs of the board to our people in order to make them intelligent in regard to our work, and inspire confidence in relation to the financial standing of the board, and publicly and privately, as they have opportunity, solicit funds, and secure loans to the board to meet the present imperative needs of the treasury; and

Resolved, Third, that we especially request our bishops to place before the church the condition of our treasury and the needs of the work on the foreign field, and state that unless our people, by special gifts, and more general giving toward our missionary work supply its present needs, and provide for its enlargement, it will be necessary to turn over some of our work to others and perhaps discontinue some of our workers.

Resolved, Fourth, that the board appoint a committee to formulate more definitely and fully a plan for securing the semi-centennial offering referred to in this paper from all of our people, and to give directions, as wisely as possible, how such plan shall be carried out.

Resolved, Fifth, that it is the sense of this board that we call upon our people quarterly to observe a day of fasting and prayer for God's blessing upon our foreign missionary work and upon our people, in order that they may be inclined to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty, and by more general giving and special donations, meet the imperative needs of the work, so that there need not be a retreat, but an advance.

On motion it was adopted.

The minutes were read and approved.

The general missionary board adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America met at the Free Methodist Publishing House, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, Thursday, October 21, 1909, at 10:45 a. m.

Bishop Walter A. Sellew called the board to order and presided.

Prayer was offered.

The roll was called and the following members answered to their names: W. A. Sellew, B. Winget, J. S. M'Geary, Mrs. M. M. Robinson and Burton R. Jones. W. A. Sellew was elected president; B. R. Jones was elected vice-president.

The directors accepted the resignation of General Conference Evangelist J. H. Flower.

It approved of the action of the missionaries in India, in accepting Fred G. Mynett as a missionary on probation in our mission in India.

They also approved of N. B. Ghormley's plan for making an appeal for money, to aid in erecting a training school at Edwaleni, in the *Christian Herald*, providing its editor is willing to publish the same. The secretary was requested to write to Dr. Klopsch, editor-in-chief of the *Christian Herald*, in regard to this matter, and send the appeal, with the request that it be published.

The policy of the board in regard to the allowance made to missionaries on furlough was considered. On motion, the directors approved of allowing married missionaries \$350 a year for the first year, while home on furlough, regardless of their talents, condition of health, or services performed by them for the board. Single missionaries are to be allowed \$125 a year, while home on furlough.

A committee of three, to formulate a definite plan for raising semi-centennial offerings, throughout the whole church, during the year 1910, was appointed. It consisted of W. A. Sellew, B. Winget and J. S. M'Geary.

The following is the report of the committee and the plan formulated for raising semi-centennial offerings:

Your committee have carefully and prayerfully considered the needs of our foreign missionary treasury. As we were appointed to formulate a plan for use in raising semi-centennial offerings, throughout the whole church, during the year 1910, it seems proper that we should before presenting the plan, place before the church the special reasons for making this appeal.

The following are some of the reasons:

1. Because of a lack of prospective funds for this coming year, the board has cut down the appropriations asked for by the missionaries, about \$10,000. Doubtless the cuts made will be deeply felt and the work will be hindered.

2. We believe that the membership of our church and its ministers, as well as the officers of the W. F. M. S., feel a deep, hearty and intelligent loyalty to the Master's call for each one to be laborers together with Him in giving the good tidings of great joy to the whole, wide world.

3. In order to secure the funds, now so imperatively needed, to bring our treasury through its present financial strait, there must be a wise and diligent use of the means to this end.

4. We believe there is money enough in the church to accomplish this, during the year 1910, and even more. Surely there are richer blessings awaiting many of our people than they have yet known, if they but come up to the help of the Lord's work, in this its time of imperative need.

Each member of the church, and the church as a whole, sustain a very responsible and important relation to the board, because it is acting for each individual, and for the whole church, as their agent in fulfilling the Savior's merciful purposes toward the world in heathen darkness. Therefore, it is thought, that if the present needs of this great work, in which the Master has called us to share a very important part, are clearly brought before our

people, they will esteem it a privilege, individually, according to their ability (and above what they have been giving yearly) to give a generous semi-centennial offering, as a loving sacrifice to the missionary work, and as an expression of gratitude and love to the Lord, for His special grace bestowed upon each individual, and for His gracious favor toward us as a people, in leading us on so successfully in His work, during the past fifty years.

Our final appeal is to our people, and so we bring this matter before them, in order that we may know their position, and whether or not there will be such an exercise of believing prayer, and such increased giving, that the present needs of our foreign missionary work can be supplied, and the work be strengthened and enlarged, instead of its being necessary for the board to give over some of our work and workers to other parties for them to support.

The following the the general plan for use in raising semi-centennial offerings. Of course, there may be some circumstances where the end desired may be secured better by some variation from this plan. We hope, however, if it is not followed in all cases, that the plan substituted will bring larger results.

We request that each pastor, and the presidents of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies present this appeal to our people, throughout the whole church, and endeavor intelligently and strongly to lay it upon their hearts, as an appeal, not merely from the general missionary board, but as a personal appeal from their Savior, who was the greatest missionary the world will ever know, and who calls upon each and every person to share with Him a glorious and important part in this work.

In some places, doubtless, the pastors and officers of the Woman's Societies may unite in presenting this appeal and soliciting semi-centennial offerings, but where this course cannot be pursued successfully, let the pastors and the officers of the Woman's Societies see that it is brought before each society and congregation, and that it is also used as effectually as possible in making appeals to individuals for special gifts.

We further request that the presentation of this appeal commence with the beginning of the year 1910, and be faithfully, believingly and diligently followed up, until all of our societies and congregations have had the privilege to come up to the help of the Lord in this matter.

B. R. Jones was elected a committee to whom was referred certain Disciplinary questions which had been sent to the board for its action, from the South Africa Mission conference.

Action was taken requesting the superintendent of our work in China to arrange for George D. Schlosser to be appointed to labor in the Province of Honan, so as to have a better opportunity for the study of the Chinese language.

The minutes were read and approved.

The board of directors adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

GENERAL MISSIONS

GENERAL MISSION FUND FOR 1909-1910

CONFERENCES	TO WHOM APPROPRIATED	AMOUNT
Arkansas and Southern Missouri	For district elders Nevada and West Plains districts.....\$	40.00
Colorado	To each district elder.....	50.00
Central Illinois	To Springfield charge.....	50.00
Illinois	To Rockford.....	90.00
Illinois	To East Peoria.....	25.00
East Michigan	For Port Huron Mission.....	40.00
East Michigan	To Walker, LeGrand and Wolverine circuit.....	25.00
East Ontario	To Peterboro Mission.....	75.00
Iowa	To Waverly circuit.....	50.00
Kansas	To Kansas City Mission.....	35.00
Kansas	To Olatha Mission, Kansas.....	25.00
Kentucky and Tennessee	For work in the conference.....	50.00
Louisiana	See Rev. C. G. Heath's letter of October 8th.....	50.00
Missouri	To district elder, St. Joseph district.....	20.00
Missouri	To district elder, Hamilton district.....	20.00
Michigan	To pastor at Hudson, Michigan.....	50.00
Minnesota and Northern Iowa	To St. Paul and Minneapolis.....	50.00
Minnesota and Northern Iowa	To Winnebago circuit.....	15.00
North Michigan	To Ensley circuit.....	20.00
North Michigan	To Clair district.....	15.00
North Michigan	To Walkerville circuit.....	20.00
North Michigan	To Greenville circuit.....	20.00
New York	To Phillipsburg, N. J.....	80.00
North Minnesota	To S. Waite, district elder.....	50.00
Nebraska	To Lynch circuit.....	20.00
Nebraska	To Birch circuit.....	15.00
Nebraska	To Mt. Carmel circuit.....	20.00
Nebraska	To Wymore circuit.....	15.00
Nebraska	To Huffman circuit.....	10.00
North Dakota	To Pastor W. S. Ballenger, Carlson, North Dakota.....	50.00
North Dakota	To pastor at Jamestown.....	25.00
North Dakota	To pastor at Larimore.....	25.00
North Dakota	To Minot work.....	25.00
Ohio	To Canton circuit.....	40.00
Ohio	To Celina circuit.....	40.00
Ohio	To Bowling Green circuit.....	20.00
Ohio	To Ottawa circuit.....	20.00
Oklahoma	To Watonga and Oak Grove circuit.....	45.00
Oklahoma	To Guymon and Verne circuit.....	45.00
Oregon	To district elder Central and Southern districts.....	50.00
Oil City	To Erie circuit.....	25.00
Oil City	To Juniata and Altoona circuit.....	50.00
Oil City	To Coudersport and Seven Bridges circuit.....	25.00
Platte River	To pastor Minden circuit.....	25.00
Platte River	To pastor Belgrade circuit.....	15.00

Platte River	To Gandy circuit	15.00
South Dakota	To T. Donoghue, district elder	25.00
South Dakota	To H. L. Torsey	25.00
Susquehanna	To New England missionary	50.00
Susquehanna	To Norwood circuit	25.00
Susquehanna	To C. W. Hartson	\$50.00
Southern California	To Phoenix, Arizona	50.00
Southern California	To Riverside, California	40.00
Southern California	To Pomona and Ontario	15.00
Southern California	To San Diego	15.00
Texas	Conference not held, urgent request	75.00
Wabash	To Indianapolis Mission	75.00
Wabash	To Evansville Mission	50.00
West Iowa	To pastor Council Bluffs circuit	25.00
Wisconsin	To conference evangelist	75.00
Wisconsin	To Three Lakes circuit	40.00
West Ontario	To Hamilton Mission, Hamilton, Ontario	50.00
West Ontario	To Meaford circuit	25.00
Western Canada	To Moose Jaw	25.00
Western Canada	To Alberta district, to the district elder	65.00
Western Canada	To W. H. Haight, conference evangelist	35.00
Western Canada	To Wittenburg circuit	25.00
West Kansas	To district elder, Ness City district	25.00
West Kansas	To Mertilla and Santa Fe circuit	15.00
West Kansas	To Beeler circuit	15.00
West Kansas	To Plainville circuit	10.00
West Kansas	To Cuba circuit	10.00
Pittsburg	To Bolivar and Armagh circuit	10.00
Pittsburg	To Chester circuit	25.00
Pittsburg	To Rockmart circuit	15.00
Pittsburg	To Gainesville circuit	20.00
Pittsburg	To Mars and Callery circuit	10.00
Washington	To Cle Elum	25.00
Total		\$2,625.00
For three general conference evangelists		1,600.00
For expenses		300.00
Grand total		\$4,525.00

GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD (Incorporated June 19, 1895).

1. CORPORATE NAME—"The General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America."

2. OBJECT—"To collect, receive, hold, expend, pay out and dispose of any property, real or personal, or of whatsoever nature, and wherever situated, as allowed by law, that may be given, obtained, or held in aid of the general missionary work of the Free Methodist church, either on the home or foreign field."

The Master's great "Commission" calls for more laborers. Who will help the board to send them forth?

FORMS OF BEQUEST

BEQUEST FOR MISSIONS—"I give and bequeath to the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America, incorporated under the

general law of the State of Illinois, the sum of [here state the amount]; and the receipt of the treasurer thereof shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same."

If it be a devise of land the following form should be observed: "I give and devise [here give the title of the board as above] the following lands and premises: that is to say, [brief description here], to have and to hold the same, with the appurtenances, to the said board, its successors and assigns forever."

Bequests to the Church Extension Board the same as the foregoing except the name of the board.

THE BETTER WAY

A better way to aid these general benevolences of the church, if possible, is to make your gifts while you live, according to the following form:

General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America

1132-1134 Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois

I of
hereby donate and deliver upon the conditions named herein.

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to the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America, for the purposes and objects for which said corporation was incorporated.

In consideration of such donation the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America agrees to pay said
. during life interest annually at per cent. on said principal sum. In case of sickness or disability, by giving three months' notice, said Board agrees to pay, at any one time, an amount not exceeding of said principal sum of
to supply the special needs of and give a proper support and maintenance. Additional demands may be made by said for payments from the principal to meet special needs, but such calls shall not be oftener than once in three months.

All of the principal and interest of the before mentioned donation remaining in the hands of said Board at the time of my death, shall be absolutely in the hands of the Board, to be used as it may judge best for missionary purposes, no reversion of principal or interest to my heirs after my decease.

In witness whereof the parties have hereunto set their hands and seal this day of 19.

Signed and delivered in the presence of:

. (Seal).
. (Seal).
. (Seal).

(For further information address the missionary secretary, Rev. B. Winget, Chicago, Illinois, 1132-1134 Washington boulevard.)

GENERAL MISSIONS—TREASURER'S REPORT

October 1, 1908, to October 1, 1909

CONFERENCES	Apportionment	Paid	Appropriations
Arkansas and Southern Missouri.....	\$ 27 45	\$ 27 45	\$ 150 00
California.....	47 85	47 85	95 00
Central Illinois.....	260 10	260 10	70 00
Colorado.....	63 00	63 00	60 00
Columbia River.....	42 75	42 75	60 00
East Michigan.....	278 40	278 40	195 00
East Ontario.....	106 50	106 50	80 00
Genesee.....	245 25	245 25	.....
Illinois.....	142 50	141 90	.....
Iowa.....	124 20	124 20	50 00
Kansas.....	137 40	137 40	95 00
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	44 70	41 10	75 00
Louisiana.....	23 25	4 05	75 00
Michigan.....	152 25	152 25	50 00
Minnesota and Northern Iowa.....	46 20	46 20	80 00
Missouri.....	39 90	39 90	20 00
Nebraska.....	57 45	57 45	.....
New York.....	157 35	157 35	.....
North Dakota.....	23 25	23 25	100 00
North Indiana.....	65 85	65 85	.....
North Michigan.....	250 95	250 95	.....
North Minnesota.....	37 65	37 65	40 00
Ohio.....	152 40	152 40	.....
Oil City.....	276 00	276 00	50 00
Oklahoma.....	134 10	134 10	140 00
Oregon.....	80 70	80 70	110 00
Pittsburg.....	231 60	101 20	135 00
Platte River.....	69 75	69 75	80 00
South Africa Mission.....	.....	.....	.....
South Dakota.....	55 05	55 05	50 00
Southern California.....	76 35	76 35	.....
Susquehanna.....	207 45	207 45	35 00
Texas.....	95 40	.....	.....
Wabash.....	158 40	158 40	75 00
Washington.....	119 55	119 55	65 00
Western Canada.....	22 80	22 80	315 00
West Iowa.....	75 90	75 90	50 00
West Kansas.....	92 85	92 85	55 00
West Ontario.....	108 90	108 90	.....
Wisconsin.....	105 60	105 60	.....
Total.....	\$ 4437 00	\$ 4187 80	\$ 2455 00

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Received from October 1, 1908 to October 1, 1909..... \$ 4378 69

PAID OUT

Overdrawn October 1, 1908..... \$ 16 00
 Paid Evangelists..... 1250 00
 Paid Circuits and Districts..... 2455 00
 Paid expenses..... 549 13 \$ 4270 13

Balance on hand October 1, 1909..... \$ 108 56

FOREIGN MISSIONS

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

AFRICA

- Miss F. Grace Allen, Fair View Mission Station, Umzumbe (Rail), Natal, South Africa.
- Mrs. Lillie Agnew, Fair View Mission Station, Umzumbe (Rail), Natal, South Africa.
- Rev. J. P. Brodhead, Fair View Mission Station, Umzumbe (Rail), Natal, South Africa.
- Mrs. J. P. Brodhead, Fair View Mission Station, Umzumbe (Rail), Natal, South Africa.
- Rev. G. G. Kessel, Fair View Mission Station, Umzumbe (Rail), Natal, South Africa.
- Mrs. G. G. Kessel, Fair View Mission Station, Umzumbe (Rail), Natal, South Africa.
- †Miss Luella Newton, Fair View Mission Station, Umzumbe (Rail), Natal, South Africa.
- Miss Nellie A. Reed, Fair View Mission Station, Umzumbe (Rail), Natal, South Africa.
- *Miss Harriet E. Sheldon, Fair View Mission Station, Umzumbe (Rail), Natal, South Africa.
- Mr. W. S. Woods, Fair View Mission Station, Umzumbe (Rail), Natal, South Africa.
- Mrs. W. S. Woods, Fair View Mission Station, Umzumbe (Rail), Natal, South Africa.
- *Miss Myrta Smith, Fair View Mission Station, Umzumbe (Rail), Natal, South Africa.
- Dr. W. A. Backenstoe, Edwaleni, Alfred county, Natal, South Africa.
- Mrs. W. A. Backenstoe, Edwaleni, Alfred county, Natal, South Africa.
- Rev. N. B. Ghormley, Edwaleni Mission, Edwaleni P. O., Alfred county, Natal, South Africa.
- Mrs. N. B. Ghormley, Edwaleni Mission, Edwaleni P. O., Alfred county, Natal, South Africa.
- Miss Maggie LaBarr, Edwaleni Mission, Edwaleni P. O., Alfred county, Natal, South Africa.
- Rev. A. E. Haley, Itemba Mission, Enqabeni Post, Alfred county, Natal, South Africa.
- Mrs. A. E. Haley, Itemba Mission, Enqabeni Post, Alfred county, Natal, South Africa.
- Miss Margaret A. Nickel, Itemba Mission, Enqabeni Post, Alfred county, Natal, South Africa.
- Rev. A. M. Anderson, Greenville M. S., Bizana P. O., Pondoland, South Africa, care of E. H. Cavie, "Redoubt."
- Mrs. A. M. Anderson, Greenville, M. S., Bizana P. O., Pondoland, South Africa, care of E. H. Cavie, "Redoubt."
- Rev. Jules Ryff, Box 183, Germiston, Transvaal, South Africa.
- Mrs. Jules Ryff, Box 183, Germiston, Transvaal, South Africa.
- Mr. Ole Kragerud, Box 183, Germiston, Transvaal, South Africa.
- Rev. Carroll Smith, Box 183, Germiston, Transvaal, South Africa.
- Mrs. Carroll Smith, Box 183, Germiston, Transvaal, South Africa.
- *Rev. A. A. Miller, Box 49, Inhambane, East Africa.
- *Mrs. A. A. Miller, Box 49, Inhambane, East Africa.

*Accepted by the board as associate missionaries.

†A teacher of the children of our missionaries, but not an accepted missionary.

INDIA

Rev. George G. Edwards, Yeotmal, Province of Berar, India.
 Mrs. George G. Edwards, Yeotmal, Province of Berar, India.
 Miss Gertrude Alcorn, Yeotmal, Province of Berar, India.
 Miss Mata D. Allee, Yeotmal, Province of Berar, India.
 Miss Edith M. Santee, Yeotmal, Province of Berar, India.
 Mr. Herbert M. Damon, Yeotmal, Province of Berar, India.
 Mrs. Herbert M. Damon, Yeotmal, Province of Berar, India.
 Miss Louise D. Calkins, Yeotmal, Province of Berar, India.
 Rev. J. T. Taylor, Yeotmal, Province of Berar, India.
 Mrs. J. T. Taylor, Yeotmal, Province of Berar, India.
 Fred G. Mynett, Yeotmal, Province of Berar, India.
 Rev. Ernest F. Ward, Darwah, Yeotmal District, Province of Berar, India.
 Mrs. Phoebe Ward, Darwah, Yeotmal District, Province of Berar, India.
 Miss Rose A. Cox, Darwah, Yeotmal District, Province of Berar, India.
 Mr. Samuel D. Casberg, Umbri, Province of Berar, India.
 Mrs. Samuel D. Casberg, Umbri, Province of Berar, India.

JAPAN

Rev. William L. Meikle, 5401 Shimpoin-cho, Tennoji, Osaka, Japan.
 Mrs. William L. Meikle, 5401 Shimpoin-cho, Tennoji, Osaka, Japan.
 Rev. S. E. Cooper, 152 Aioi-cho, Akashi, Japan.
 Mrs. S. E. Cooper, 152 Aioi-cho, Akashi, Japan.
 Rev. August Youngren, 1921 Hidein Cho, Tennoji, Osaka, Japan.
 Mrs. August Youngren, 1921 Hidein Cho, Tennoji, Osaka, Japan.
 Miss Minnie K. Hessler, 1921 Hidein Cho, Tennoji, Osaka, Japan.
 Miss Ruth Mylander, 1921 Hidein Cho, Tennoji, Osaka, Japan.
 Rev. Matthias Klein, Sumoto, Awaji, Japan.
 Mrs. Matthias Klein, Sumoto, Awaji, Japan.
 Rev. Teikich Kawabe, 2824 Shita-dera Machi, Yochome, Minami Ku, Osaka, Japan.

CHINA

Rev. C. F. Appleton, Kai Feng Fu, Honan, China.
 Mrs. C. F. Appleton, Kai Feng Fu, Honan, China.
 Miss Edith F. Jones, Kai Feng Fu, Honan, China.
 Miss Lucy H. Tittmore, Kai Feng Fu, Honan, China.
 Miss Mattie J. Peterson, Kai Feng Fu, Honan, China.
 Miss Mary C. Ogren, Kai Feng Fu, Honan, China.
 Rev. N. S. Honn, Cheng Chow, Honan, China.
 Mrs. N. S. Honn, Cheng Chow, Honan, China.
 Mr. George D. Schlosser, Cheng Chow, Honan, China.
 Mr. G. H. Scofield, Yungtse Hsien, Honan, China.
 Mrs. G. H. Scofield, Yungtse Hsien, Honan, China.
 Mr. Frank R. Millican, Yung Kieh Hsien, Honan, China.
 Mrs. Frank R. Millican, Yung Kieh Hsien, Honan, China.
 Mr. F. J. Fletcher, Tsing Kiang Pu, via Chinkiang, China.
 Mrs. F. J. Fletcher, Tsing Kiang Pu, via Chinkiang, China.

SANTO DOMINGO

Miss Esther D. Clark, San Francisco de Marcoris, Dominican Republic, West Indies.
 Rev. Roy E. Nichols, San Francisco de Marcoris, Dominican Republic, West Indies.
 Mrs. Roy E. Nichols, San Francisco de Marcoris, Dominican Republic, West Indies.
 Rev. J. W. Winans, San Francisco de Marcoris, Dominican Republic, West Indies.

Miss Nellie M. Whiffen, San Francisco de Marcoris, Dominican Republic, West Indies.

The address of Kittie Wood Kumarakulasinghe, formerly connected with our board as its missionary, is still Nuwara, Eliya, Ceylon.

MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH

Rev. M. C. Clarke, Seattle, Fremont Station, Washington. (India.)
 Mrs. M. C. Clarke, Seattle, Fremont Station, Washington. (India.)
 Miss Emma Appling, Seattle, Fremont Station, Washington. (India.)
 Miss Effie L. Southworth, Solomon, Kansas. (India.)
 Miss Lucy A. Hartman, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. (Africa.)
 Rev. J. W. Haley, Westview, Saskatchewan, Canada. (Africa.)
 Mrs. J. W. Haley, Westview, Saskatchewan, Canada. (Africa.)
 Clyde C. Foreman, Tionesta, Pennsylvania. (Africa.)
 Miss Ethel A. Cook, Blue Jay, Raleigh county, West Virginia. (Africa.)
 Miss Edith D. Graves, Newberg, Oregon. (China.)
 Rev. W. F. Matthewson, Cortland, Ohio. (Japan.)
 Mrs. W. F. Matthewson, Cortland, Ohio. (Japan.)

APPROPRIATIONS

The following are the appropriations made by the General Missionary Board for the Foreign Fields for 1909-1910.

AFRICA

FAIR VIEW

Salaries of seven missionaries.....	\$1,750 00
Allowance for four children.....	100 00
Head teacher for station school.....	300 00
First assistant teacher.....	120 00
Second assistant teacher.....	90 00
Out-station teacher	75 00
One evangelist	180 00
Teacher at Magog	180 00
Emergency fund	150 00
For water tank for parsonage.....	30 00
For water tank for Magog.....	50 00
For store room at Magog.....	25 00
Salaries of Brodhead and wife for nine months.....	375 00
Extra to Grace Allen toward expenses for her wagon...	30 00
Extra for Mrs. Lillie Agnew.....	25 00
Payments on land due, first \$133.21 due February 22d each year; second \$156.72 due August 28th each year;	
total	289 93

\$ 3,769 93

EDWALENI TRAINING SCHOOL

Salaries of three missionaries.....	\$ 750 00
Allowance for three children	75 00
Running expenses of school	150 00
Native teacher	150 00
Tanks (water)	60 00
For road building	250 00
Appropriations for new building—home for missionaries..	1,235 00

\$2,670 00

GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD

FAIR VIEW GIRLS' HOME

Repairs on home	\$ 50 00	
Current expenses	175 00	
Two native teachers	180 00	
For additional water pipe	100 00	
For a dam	50 00	
Freight on pump	25 00	
		580 00
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	\$ 4,349 93	
Less government grant	\$ 430 00	
Less hut rents	300 00	
		730 00
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		\$3,619 93

EDWALENI

Salaries of two missionaries	\$ 500 00	
Evangelist's wages	150 00	
Teacher's salary	120 00	
Payment on land	160 00	
Emergency fund	50 00	
		\$ 980 00
Less hut rents		40 00
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		\$ 940 00

ITEMBA

Salaries of three missionaries	\$ 750 00	
For two evangelists	300 00	
Emergency fund	50 00	
Payment on land	85 00	
School teacher's wages	100 00	
Allowed A. E. Haley toward expenses in connection with his wife's sickness	30 00	
		\$ 1,315 00
Less hut rents		55 00
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		\$ 1,260 00

IBISI—EAST GRIQUALAND

Evangelist's salary	\$ 120 00	
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		\$ 120 00

GREENVILLE

Salaries of two missionaries	\$ 500 00	
Masala's wages	180 00	
Wages for native evangelist	120 00	
Wages for native teacher	120 00	
Emergency fund	50 00	
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		\$ 970 00
Purchase of Miller property, Pondoland. (Provided for by special donation)		\$ 750 00

BALENI

Evangelist's salary	\$ 150 00	
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		\$ 150 00

GERMISTON

Salaries of three missionaries.....	\$ 750 00	
Extra allowance for one year.....	100 00	
Sanitary fees	60 00	
Claim license	30 00	
Emergency fund	100 00	
Taxes	15 00	
Travelling expenses to Gazaland.....	50 00	
Allowance for one child.....	25 00	
Allowance for two teachers.....	360 00	
Estimate amount needed for several lots.....	100 00	
		\$1,590 00
Amount on hand from building fund sent for school and church building at Germiston last year.....		800 00
		<u>\$ 790 00</u>

INHAMBANE

Salaries for two missionaries.....	\$ 500 00	
Allowance for two children.....	50 00	
For extra living expenses.....	75 00	
Emergency fund	150 00	
Taxes	60 00	
For wages of Portuguese teacher.....	50 00	
Fares to and from Inhambane.....	350 00	
Extra for expenses of Carroll Smith's sickness.....	50 00	
		\$ 1,285 00
Less building fund on hand sent out 1907-1908....		350 00
		<u>\$ 935 00</u>
Total		\$12,204 93

INDIA

Salaries of sixteen missionaries.....	\$4,000 00	
Expenses of seven missionaries to the hills.....	140 00	
Expenses of Herald Edwards to the hills.....	10 00	
Appropriations each for six children of missionaries.....	150 00	
Extra for Willie Taylor.....	25 00	
Wun contingent fund	50 00	
Darwah contingent fund.....	50 00	
Yeotmal contingent fund.....	250 00	
Incidental fund	50 00	
Tonga, cart and bullocks for Umbri.....	175 00	
For well at Umbri station.....	200 00	
Buildings at Umbri.....	1,500 00	
For Anunde Raw in Industrial school.....	180 00	
For Doulet Raw, native preacher.....	85 00	
Shreeput Raw, native preacher.....	85 00	
For Yeshwunt Raw, native preacher.....	85 00	
For Rawji Raw, native preacher.....	100 00	
For Bible women	100 00	
For teachers in Girls' Orphanage.....	250 00	
For teachers in Boys' Orphanage.....	250 00	
For native catechist.....	28 00	
Appropriations for Damon's two children.....	50 00	

\$7,813 00

JAPAN

Salaries of nine missionaries.....	\$2,250 00	
Contingent fund.....	250 00	
Furniture for girls' dormitory.....	50 00	
Deficiency on expenses for girls' dormitory.....	85 20	
Opening expenses at Imamiya.....	25 90	
Text books for teachers in training school.....	25 00	
Tracts and catechism.....	90 00	
Expenses to attend holiness convention.....	35 00	
Inchiyo Sekwai.....	90 00	
Traveling expenses.....	200 00	
Repairs and opening new work.....	100 00	
Taxes.....	150 00	
Allowances for workers.....		
T. Kawabe.....	240 00	
B. Horiuchi (board).....	210 00	
R. Takashima.....	210 00	
R. Kudo (board).....	180 00	
K. Onoda.....	150 00	
H. Aoki (board).....	150 00	
K. Kako (board).....	150 00	
Y. Nishizake.....	150 00	
H. Maeda.....	120 00	
T. Onoda.....	120 00	
R. Kato (board).....	120 00	
M. Abe (board).....	90 00	
Y. Kurata.....	72 00	
Y. Nagao (board).....	48 00	
Ten students (board).....	600 00	
Extra workers (estimated).....	100 00	
		\$ 6,061 10
Less amount pledged.....		942 00
		\$ 5,119 10
Allowance for rents:		
Awaji district:		
Sumoto.....	\$ 60 00	
Fukura.....	40 00	
Yura.....	30 00	
Eimura.....	36 00	
Hirota.....	7 20	
Monoe.....	6 00	
Kokuga.....	6 00	
Anaga.....	6 00	
Murotsu.....	6 00	
Nushima.....	6 00	
Gungei.....	3 00	
		\$206 20
Osaka district:		
Shita Dera Machi.....	\$135 00	
Namba.....	120 00	
Imanya.....	81 00	
B. Horiuchi's rooms.....	40 00	
W. L. Meikle's house.....	240 00	
		\$616 00
Akashi district:		
Akashi chapel.....	\$ 60 00	
New mission hall.....	60 00	
S. E. Cooper's house.....	120 00	
Miki (estimated).....	40 00	
Takasago (estimated).....	40 00	
		\$320 00

Additional allowance for living expenses for missionaries.	\$225 00	
Additional allowance for living expenses for missionaries' children	112 50	\$337 50
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		\$6,598 30

CHINA

Salaries of thirteen missionaries.....	\$3,250 00	
Allowance for eleven children.....	275 00	
(Send allowance only for eight)		
Allowances for eight native evangelists.....	320 00	
School expense fund.....	240 00	
Transfer agency	60 00	
Traveling expenses	150 00	
Contingent fund:		
Yungste Hsien	10 00	
Cheng Chow	30 00	
Kai Feng Fu	30 00	
Chi Hsien	10 00	
Out stations:		
Yungste Hsien	50 00	
Cheng Chow	35 00	
Kai Feng Fu, street chapel.....	70 00	
Mission property and home for orphanage workers at Tsing Kiang Pu	1,500 00	
A further conditional allowance.....	500 00	
Gift for Mr. and Mrs. Wallace.....	50 00	
Rent and repairs for compound for single ladies.....	200 00	
Allowances for six Bible women.....	156 00	
Expenses of George Scofield and wife from their station to Shanghai and return, 1908.....	103 00	
Allowance toward expense in connection with Mrs. Scofield's sickness	37 50	
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		\$7,076 50

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Miss Esther D. Clark.....	\$150 00	
Rev. and Mrs. Roy E. Nichols.....	500 00	
Miss Nellie Whiffen.....	250 00	
Rev. J. W. Winans.....	75 00	
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		\$975 00
Allowances for missionaries on furlough, including some special allowances for outfit.....	\$1,155 12	
Estimated amount for expenses of out-going missionaries and a few special appropriations.....	\$2,005 00	
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OTHER EXPENSES		
Contingent expenses	\$ 300 00	
Secretary's expenses	650 00	
Office and traveling expenses.....	600 00	
To be appropriated by the board.....	300 00	
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		\$1,850 00
Grand total appropriated.....		<hr/>
		\$38,936 27

 Allowances of missionaries who are home on furlough:

W. F. Matthewson and wife.....	\$200 00
W. F. Matthewson, stereopticon slides.....	65 00
J. W. Haley and wife.....	300 00
M. C. Clarke (to pay debt).....	85 00
M. C. Clarke, new outfit.....	50 00
J. P. Brodhead and wife, allowance for forty-seven days, October 1 to November 17, 1909, at rate of \$350 year..	45 12
Brodhead, extra for outfit	50 00
Allowance for Lucy A. Hartman for year.....	125 00
Extra for outfit.....	25 00
Effie Southworth	125 00
Extra for outfit.....	25 00
Edith Graves, allowance.....	125 00

 \$1,220 12

 Estimated amount of expenses of out-going missionaries
and a few other special appropriations:

Allowed in response to the Home Missions Council....\$	25 00
Allowed committee on reference and council.....	5 00
Estimated out-going expenses of J. P. Brodhead and wife	420 00
Estimated out-going expenses of their two children....	325 00
Estimated out-going expenses of M. C. Clarke and wife	420 00
Estimated out-going expenses of Miss Effie Southworth	210 00
Estimated out-going expenses of Mattie J. Peterson..	200 00
For outfit and furnishings for Miss Peterson.....	125 00
Estimated out-going expenses of Herbert M. Damon and family and Louise Calkins.....	1,000 00
Estimated expense of Miss Lucy Hartman to Africa..	210 00

 \$2,940 00

OTHER EXPENSES

Contingent expenses	\$300 00
Secretary's salary	650 00
Office, traveling expenses, etc.....	600 00
To be appropriated by board.....	300 00

 \$1,850 00

Explanatory Note of Foreign Mission Tables.—(a) The native contributions for Germiston include \$172.15 for the European work. (b) Not outstations, but preaching places. (c) Of this number 85 have received baptism during the past year. (d) Comparing this with last year's report, it would seem that we have dropped two Sunday-schools during the year, while in fact one has been added to the previous number. The discrepancy must arise from the fact that in former reports, the children's services, conducted at some of the chapels, on Sunday evening, have been included, but these cannot properly be called Sunday-schools. A correction.—In the Treasurer's Report on Japan for last year (1908) the following statement appears: "Communicants added last year 15." The fact is that 28 were baptized in the Sumoto District, and 74 in Osaka, who were added to the church. I have not been able to find out how many were baptized in the Akashi District, but have requested Bro. Cooper to report this to you. (e) These are not in reality "members in full," since there is no regularly organized church. They correspond to "members in full," however. (f) \$17.00 Mexican money. (g) Value of land \$1064.91 Mexican. (h) Value of buildings \$2325.09 Mexican; includes cost of well, wall and other incidental expenses. (i) Total value to June 30, 1909, \$3590 00 Mexican. Note: Exchange rates between gold and silver, during the last two years, have varied from \$1.75 Mexican to \$2.48 Mexican per gold \$. Ordinary conditions the rate is about 2 to 1. (j) Chapel is used for school. (k) Two are being instructed as professed Christians for over a year, but not yet on probation, nor asked to be baptized. (l) At the fairs we often have them by the hundreds, listening to the gospel. (m) Children attend C. I. M. Sunday-school. (n) Support 1¢ from the Christian Herald, New York. (o) Rented buildings.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF AFRICA, INDIA, JAPAN AND CHINA FOR THE YEAR 1908-1909.

COUNTRY	NAME OF STATION	Number of out stations	American missionaries—Men	American missionaries—Women	Native male catechists, teachers and helpers	Native female teachers and religious helpers	Ordained native pastors	Organized native churches	Members in full	Probationers	Total number of native communicants	Adherents	Communicants added last year	Natives who receive instruction regularly	Estimated number who receive instruction occasionally during the year	Boys (not orphans) supported during the past year	Girls (not orphans) supported during the past year	Boy orphans supported the past year	Girl orphans supported the past year	Boy orphans now in the orphanages	Girl orphans now in the orphanages	Total number of children in all of the Sunday-schools (not including the Sunday-schools)	Sunday-schools	Officers and teachers
Africa	Inhabane.....	26	2	3	29	27	3	148	148	296	90	20	1000	2600	197	116	313	1	1
Africa	Umusa, Germiston, Transvaal, Johannesburg.....	8	2	2	5	.....	1	60	56	116	100	32	551	7400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	450	1	8
Africa	Far View.....	4	2	5	3	5	2	65	42	107	200	20	750	600	1	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	245	2	14
Africa	Itemba.....	7	...	2	3	...	1	40	39	79	200	8	550	600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	1	4
Africa	Edwaleni.....	4	2	3	3	...	1	11	11	22	15	5	250	600	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	7
Africa	Greenville.....	5	1	1	3	3	1	19	9	28	26	2	54	500	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	1	3
Africa	Ibisi.....	b 4	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	75	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	1	2
India	Yeotmal.....	.....	2	3	7	3	1	50	17	56	13	16	180	2800	1	.....	.....	54	49	53	53	1	12
India	Wun.....	.....	1	2	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1
India	Darwah.....	.....	1	2	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	900	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2
India	Osaki.....	5	2	3	11	5	1	353	32	385	.....	c 117	385	25000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	d	6	18
Japan	Sunoto.....	16	1	1	5	4	2	214	80	294	.....	80	220	44105	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	9	4
Japan	Akashi.....	10	1	1	5	4	2	214	80	294	.....	26	40	5000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	4
China	Kal Feng Fu.....	.....	1	3	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
China	Yangtse Hsien.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
China	Yung Kieh Hsien.....	3	2	1	k 3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	1	250	.....	.....	3	7	28	14	47	m
China	Cheng Chow.....	.....	2	1	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
China	Tsing Kiang Fu.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	.....	76	24	37	86	54	113	1004	461	1440	650	326	3886	92622	209	133	57	56	81	67	1138	32	89

STATISTICAL REPORT OF AFRICA, INDIA, JAPAN AND CHINA—CONTINUED

COUNTRY	NAME OF STATION	Scholars	Scholars converted during the past year	Village and day schools	Scholars	Native contributions for all purposes	Amount received by the missionaries in donations	Amount from individuals for the support of native workers	Amount from individuals and societies for the support of native children	Amount received by the missionaries from all sources	Amount received from hut rents	Amount received from the sale of produce, etc., from the station	Church buildings belonging to station	Number of buildings rented for religious purposes	Number that are used both for living and school purposes by the natives	Number of school buildings belonging to the station	Number of buildings belonging to the station and occupied by the American missionaries	Number of acres of land belonging to the station	Value of the land	Value of all of the buildings and movable property belonging to the station and out-stations	Total value of all property belonging to the station and out-stations	
Africa.....	Inhabane.....	50	26	313	\$ 62 27	\$ 38 00	\$1592 97	4047 95					13		13	1	1	1	60	\$ 100	\$ 2500	\$ 2600
Africa.....	(Unusu), Germiston, Transvaal, etc.....	133		6	450 a	567 15				\$ 9 92	\$ 295 00		2		1	2	3	2	1 1/2	3000	3000	3000
Africa.....	Fair View.....	255	6	3	190	98 70	38 00				40 00		2		1	2	1	1	233 3/4	36000	9600	45600
Africa.....	Itemba.....	65	1	45	71 56			245 00			43 90		2		3			1	1069	2700	4700	4700
Africa.....	Edwaleni.....	74	2	42	15 30			60 00	88 00	104 00			1					1	36 1/2	2700	2000	4700
Africa.....	Greenville.....	21	6	1	21	38 63		55 00	69 20				1					1	36 1/2	2700	2000	4700
Africa.....	Ibisi.....	15	1	17	6 90								1					1	6		1200	1200
India.....	Yeotmal.....	110	25		20 00			98 00					1		3	1		3	40	1800	9000	10800
India.....	Wun.....	10																15	375	3100	3475	
India.....	Darwha.....	24				48 00												4 1/2	165	3500	3665	
India.....	Umbr.....																	18	250	1500	1750	
Japan.....	Osaka.....	330	10		311 19				68 50						4	1	1	2	1 1/2	6730	3700	10430
Japan.....	Sumoto.....	257	11		93 60				12 67						2		1	1	1/2	900	1950	2850
Japan.....	Akashi.....	144			122 00													1	4 1/2	530	1270	1800
China.....	Kai Feng Fu.....		1	8	f 8 50		25 00						1		2		1	4 1/2	530	1270	1800	
China.....	{ Yangtse Hsien.....																					
China.....	{ Yang Kieh Hsien.....	30	1	20	6 00								1		3	4	j	2	1/2	200	800	1000
China.....	Cheng Chow.....		1	12									1		1	2		3	1/2	400	740	1140
China.....	Ising Kiang Fu.....	41	5		75	225 00							1		8		0					
Total		1659	63 43	1108	\$1422 53	\$ 343 00	\$1222 97	4250 95	\$ 264 29	\$ 308 90			25	18	37	810	26	4296 1/2	\$32150	\$ 46460	\$ 99110	

Explanatory note on page 364.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

TREASURER'S REPORT, OCTOBER 1, 1908, TO OCTOBER 1, 1909

On hand from last year Special accounts.....	\$ 4422 34	
On hand from General accounts.....	6778 10	
Received from Mrs. Jensen, Treasurer, General accounts.....	28602 69	
Received from Mrs. Jensen, Treasurer, Special accounts.....	9287 65	
Received in regular remittances on Special accounts.....	1263 29	
Received in regular remittances on General accounts.....	3769 82	\$ 54118 89

DEBIT

Sent to Africa.....	\$ 20532 92	
Sent to Japan.....	10948 74	
Sent to India.....	8015 77	
Sent to China.....	6723 00	
Sent to Santo Domingo.....	872 00	
Cost of boxes sent.....	291 11	\$47383 54

EXPENSES

For missionaries on furlough.....	\$ 2890 92	
For Annual Meeting.....	330 66	
For general expenses.....	2604 33	\$ 5825 81

Net amount on hand \$ 904 54

On hand in Special accounts October 1, 1909.....	\$ 5330 50	
Overdrawn on General account October 1, 1909.....	4425 96	
		\$ 904 54

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF GENERAL OFFICERS

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MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD

MRS. MARTHA B. HART, Alameda, California.
MRS. M. H. FREELAND, Whittier, California.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The third annual meeting of the Executive Committee met pursuant to call in the Free Methodist church at Glen Ellyn, Illinois, October 11, 1909. Ten members were present, namely: Mrs. Mary L. Coleman, Miss Adella P. Carpenter, Mrs. Ella L. McGeary, Mrs. Julia A. Muffit, Mrs. Lillian C. Jensen, Mrs. Ida R. Winget, Mrs. Tressa R. Arnold, Mrs. Mary M. Robinson, Mrs. Rebecca E. Sellew, Mrs. Adelaide Beers.

The usual routine of business was taken up. The treasurer reported an increase of receipts.

The committee on calendar reported the copy in hands of the publisher. The committee reported that three new tracts had been issued, namely: "A Box Experience," "Will A Man Rob God?" and "Fair View Girls' Home."

A committee was appointed to buy furniture for the rooms allowed us in the new publishing house.

The cases of two women candidates were favorably considered.

Miss A. P. Carpenter and Mrs. L. C. Jensen were elected delegates to the Student Volunteer convention in Rochester, and Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. Arnold are expected to attend.

The report of the publisher showed a deficit in *The Missionary Tidings*.

It was voted to appropriate \$750 of the contingent fund for the purchase of a mission property in Pondoland, South Africa. A request was made to the missionary board that in case more than one delegate be sent to the World's Missionary Convention, that one of them be a woman.

Miss Effie L. Southworth, missionary from India, and Miss Lucy A. Hartman, from Africa, each were present and gave us greetings of good cheer and excellent suggestions on different phases of the work.

A gift from our beloved Father Chesbro of a miniature native kraal and a tin-plated brass plate, such as are used by the orphans in India, by Miss Southworth, were gratefully received.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CONFERENCE OFFICERS

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TEXAS.—See minutes of Texas conference.

WABASH.—See minutes of Wabash conference.

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STATE OF THE WORK IN THE W. F. M. S. IN 1908-1909

Once again it is our pleasant duty to make the annual report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at large.

If we should combine in this report the many glowing accounts of public missionary meetings held in the various conferences where returned missionaries lent enthusiasm and encouragement, we could make a very readable but too lengthy epistle. Strange to tell, several of the secretaries who furnished these reports to *The Free Methodist* and *Missionary Tidings* failed to send the statistical report and names of newly-elected officers to the secretary; hence the impossibility of making an absolutely accurate report.

We are glad to report a total gain of three districts, eighty-five local, and seventy-five Junior societies; one hundred thirty active and three hundred sixteen young people and Junior members above last year; but sorry to report a great loss in number of *Missionary Tidings* taken. While the number given in the statistical report is far short of the actual subscription list, it is nevertheless a fact that we are running behind; and all loyal members of the W. F. M. S. should come to the rescue, and push the canvass for the coming year.

Only eight conferences reported superintendents of Junior work. This is a serious hindrance to our general superintendent, Mrs. Ida R. Winget, when she wants to get in touch with the work. New blanks will soon be printed with a space for the address, and this will be a reminder to elect such an officer and report the name.

The majority of the conferences have libraries, either conference or district, and life members ranging from one to fifty-three, respectively. There is a gain of sixty-nine, and others that are not reported.

As encouragement and incentive for the future, we have made a comparison of the numerical standing of each conference with the past year.

California has a small gain in all points; that is, in societies and membership.

Central Illinois has taken advanced ground on every line; gained three locals, seventy members, and raised \$300 more than last year. Three native workers are supported by private individuals, and one orphan in India, and scholarship in Africa by Greenville Juniors and the Sabbath-school respectively. The college is doing a great work for the missionary cause. They raised \$400. A greater interest is taken in the district meetings, and the secretary is greatly encouraged.

Colorado also sounds a note of victory. They have gained on every point except number of "*Missionary Tidings*." This conference supports three native workers in Africa, three scholarships in Africa, two in India, and one

evangelist in the West Indies. The secretary spoke of the ease with which she got her reports which speaks well for the district and local officers.

Columbia River reports two very interesting public missionary meetings held at the conference addressed by Bishop and Mrs. Sellew, and by Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Clarke, missionaries from India. "We close the year with hearts full of courage and zeal to press the battle on as never before" (Secretary).

East Michigan has gained four locals and seventy-six members, but lost in Juniors, three societies and two hundred sixty-four members. This may be a failure on the part of some districts to report. We can hardly credit such a falling off. We shall look for a correction.

We can not draw comparisons in the East Ontario conference, as they were unable to get a complete report.

Genesee gained at every point. They have the honor of ranking first in numbers of "*Tidings*" taken, reporting 204—a gain of nineteen. They report a remarkable public meeting at conference. Over \$600 in cash and subscriptions was raised.

Illinois reports a gain of eight locals, but a loss in active members of eighty-six. They have an encouraging gain in Junior societies, but a landslide in number of "*Tidings*." Eighty-six as compared with 438 is almost unbelievable. We think a mistake has been made in reporting.

The secretary from Iowa writes encouragingly of the good work done. Have gained in every point except honorary members.

Kansas has gained in every point except "*Missionary Tidings*." Some features of their work most encouraging.

Michigan is 177 members short of the last report; also lost in "*Missionary Tidings*."

Minnesota and Northern Iowa reports one new local, but a decrease in other respects, due possibly, as in other cases, to incomplete reports.

New York has had an increase in societies and members, but lost in "*Missionary Tidings*."

North Indiana has made progress on all lines and feel that God is helping them.

North Minnesota seems to have advanced backward the past year from a statistical point. Three locals short.

Ohio lost in locals, but gained in membership. Lost in "*Tidings*."

Oil City gained in all points except Juniors and "*Missionary Tidings*." The conference is supporting J. P. Brodhead and wife in Africa, a Bible woman in India, several orphans and scholarships are supported by individuals and Junior societies. The public meeting at conference, addressed by J. P. Brodhead, was a powerful meeting, resulting in cash and subscriptions amounting to over \$600. Notwithstanding the hard times which strikes some parts of the work hard, more money was raised by the W. F. M. S. than last year, although owing to the late date of the conference session a large amount failed to reach the treasurer in time to be reported.

Oregon gained two Junior societies, but lost in other points.

Pittsburg reports a gain of three locals and six Junior societies, one hundred members, and one hundred two Junior members. They lost fifty "*Missionary Tidings*," which makes them rank second in number taken.

Platte River gained in Juniors, but lost in membership. They report fifty-three life members, which gives them the banner in this point.

South Dakota gained in every point except "*Missionary Tidings*," and yet their report was not complete.

Southern California gained three local and three Junior societies, and one hundred two members and eighty-four Junior members, but alas, lost in "*Missionary Tidings*." They are supporting Rev. and Mrs. N. B. Ghormley in Africa, Mrs. Rose Cooper in Japan. Give \$60 a year toward Mrs. Scofield's salary in China, and the Juniors are supporting Miss Pauline Nichols of Santo Domingo. They also support six Japanese native workers, two Chinese Bible women, fourteen Africa scholarships, and two India orphans. The labors of

W. A. Sellow and wife were a great inspiration to the work last spring in this conference.

Susquehanna reports a gain of thirty-three in Junior members, but a loss of eighty-seven in membership, and a loss in "*Tidings*." They raised \$1,254.07 in cash and subscriptions at their public meeting at conference.

Washington conference according to report have lost a little. This is an unusually aggressive conference, noted for its many meetings, missionaries, and money-raising. We are sure the secretary did her best, but was unable to get a full report.

Western Canada had an encouraging increase in every line. All things considered, this youngest conference society is doing good work.

West Iowa while reporting a gain of one local society has a decrease in membership and Juniors. Considering the interest manifested in the work we incline to the belief that a mistake has been made in figures somewhere.

West Kansas failed to hear from one district, making a loss in their totals.

Wisconsin shows a gain in everything. The secretary spoke especially of the interest taken in the public missionary meeting where Bishop Pearce preached an excellent sermon, inspiring faith and courage.

In conclusion, I want to request the societies from the conference to the local, to be very exact in securing statistics as well as other information next fall, as that is the closing year of the quadrennium, and it is desirable to know where we stand as compared with four years ago.

(Mrs.) ELLA L. McGEARY,

Sharon, Pennsylvania.

Corresponding Secretary.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

VALUE OF FRUIT AND GOODS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

California	\$ 205 06
Colorado	85 45
Genesee	187 75
Kansas	119 49
Minnesota and Northern Iowa	26 45
North Minnesota	72 00
Oregon	327 25
Platte River	47 30
South Dakota	85 90
Southern California	115 35
Susquehanna	39 19
Western Canada	5 00
Wisconsin	146 14
Total	\$1,461 43

VALUE OF GOODS AND MONEY FOR CITY AND HOME MISSIONS

East Michigan	\$ 14 48
Kansas	173 43
Minnesota and Northern Iowa	5 00
North Indiana	25 00
Oregon	17 00
Pittsburg	163 30
Platte River	14 00
Southern California	62 50
Southern California	143 00
Wisconsin	44 70
Total	\$ 662 41

(Mrs.) ELLA L. McGEARY, Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

FROM OCTOBER 1, 1908, TO OCTOBER 1, 1909

CALIFORNIA—\$509.62

Foreign missions	\$ 346 69
India orphans	15 00
Native workers in Africa	80 93
Native workers in Japan	50 00
Bible woman in India	15 50
Delegates' expenses	1 50

COLORADO—\$1,249.12

Foreign missions	\$ 916 68
Scholarships	65 00
Native workers in Africa	167 69
Evangelist in West Indies	60 00
India orphans	16 00
Juniors	23 75

CENTRAL ILLINOIS—\$690.93

Foreign missions	\$ 397 00
Native workers in Japan	226 23
Native workers in China	45 00
Scholarships	15 00
Juniors	7 70

COLUMBIA RIVER—\$564.79

Foreign missions	\$ 559 97
Juniors	4 82

EAST MICHIGAN—\$1,141.89

Foreign missions	\$ 927 14
Scholarships	112 01
Native workers in Africa	60 00
Juniors	32 79
Delegates' expenses	9 95

EAST ONTARIO—\$1,212.65

Foreign missions	\$ 775 05
Machopi fund	360 75
Scholarships	32 50
India orphan fund	22 50
Juniors	21 85

GENESEE—\$2,385.69

Foreign missions	\$2,101 38
Scholarships	170 43
India orphans	78 96
Native workers in Africa	10 00
Native workers in China	15 00
Juniors	81
Trunk for India orphans	1 00
Delegates' expenses	8 11

ILLINOIS—\$1,523.50

Foreign missions	\$1,381 30
Scholarships (P. W. N.)	100 00
Native workers in Africa	5 00
Juniors	37 20

IOWA—\$578.87

Foreign missions	\$ 549 79
Juniors	28 93
Delegates' expenses	15

KANSAS—\$1,143.14

Foreign missions	\$1,065 35
Native workers in Africa	35 00
Scholarships	10 00
India orphans	15 00
Juniors	16 24
Delegates' expenses	1 55

KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE—

\$52.15

Foreign missions	\$ 52 15
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MICHIGAN—\$1,178.08

Foreign missions	\$1,101 60
Scholarships	31 50
Juniors	13 78
Native workers in Japan	3 20
"Dendo Kwan," Japan	28 00

MINNESOTA AND NORTHERN

IOWA—\$360.01

Foreign missions	\$ 281 70
Scholarships	33 00
Bible woman in India	32 14
Juniors	13 02
Delegates' expenses	15

MISSOURI—\$21.58

Foreign missions	\$ 21 58
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NEBRASKA—\$159.90

Foreign missions	\$ 159 75
Delegates' expenses	15

NEW YORK—\$998.15

Foreign missions	\$ 871 75
Scholarships	55 00
Native workers in Africa	62 40
Miss Allee	2 00
Juniors	7 00

NORTH DAKOTA—\$436.01

Foreign missions	\$ 147 68
Native workers in Africa	255 65
India orphans	9 01
Bell fund	23 67

NORTH INDIANA—\$430.27

Foreign missions	\$ 359 15
India orphans	15 00
Juniors	50 32
Delegates' expenses	5 80

NORTH MICHIGAN—\$414.93

Foreign missions	\$ 384 18
Scholarships	30 00
Juniors	75

NORTH MINNESOTA—\$173.15

Foreign missions	\$ 166 15
Native worker in Africa	2 00
Juniors	5 00

OHIO—\$1,182.93

Foreign missions	\$1,034 95
Native workers in Africa	50 00
India orphan	2 58
Scholarships	52 48
Native worker in Japan	7 90
Dendo Kwan	14 50
Juniors	18 52
Delegates' expenses	2 00

OIL CITY—\$3,169.95

Foreign missions	\$2,661 07
Native worker in Africa	69 09
India orphans	40 00
Scholarships	65 00
Ethel Cook	250 00
Juniors	84 19
Delegates' expenses	60

OKLAHOMA—\$1,282.39

Foreign missions	\$1,202 63
Scholarships	30 70
India orphans	8 00
Native workers in Africa	10 60
Juniors	27 36
Delegates' expenses	3 10

OREGON—\$1,455.82

Foreign missions	\$ 831 12
Scholarships	135 00
Roy Nichols and wife	470 00
Juniors	19 70

PITTSBURG—\$3,263.14

Foreign missions	\$2,807 56
India orphans	51 50
Scholarships	228 00
Native workers in Africa	11 00
Native workers in Japan	14 88
Native workers in India	43 50
Mrs. Casberg	100 00
N. B. Ghormley	5 00
Delegates' expenses	1 70

PLATTE RIVER—\$622.02

Foreign missions	\$ 354 74
Edith Santee	261 24
Juniors	6 04

SOUTH DAKOTA—\$628.92

Foreign missions	\$ 570 65
India orphans	10 00
Native workers in Africa	11 06
Juniors	37 01
Delegates' expenses	20

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA—\$2,522.92

Foreign missions	\$ 964 41
Native workers in Japan	218 28
Scholarships	110 00
Mrs. Ghormley	105 00
Mrs. Nichols	246 77
N. B. Ghormley	189 00
Mrs. Cooper	227 59
Mrs. Scofield	45 00
A. L. Grinnell	177 00
India orphans	70 00
Wagon, Greenville M. S.	150 00
Hut, Greenville M. S.	15 00
Juniors	4 46

SUSQUEHANNA—\$2,055.55

Foreign missions	\$1,174 40
Native workers in Japan	182 31
Scholarships	11 00
Lucy Tittmore	17 50
Minnie Hessler	306 37
Matie D. Allee	3 60
Nellie Whiffen	250 00
India orphans	55 00
Juniors	55 12
Delegates' expenses	22

TEXAS—\$393.04

Foreign missions	\$ 393 04
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WABASH—\$356.33

Foreign missions	\$ 349 78
Scholarships	5 00
Delegates' expenses	1 55

WASHINGTON—\$2,967.59

Foreign missions	\$1,807 07
Scholarships	163 89
Mrs. Casberg	51 00
India orphans	103 00
Native workers in Africa	120 00
Roy Nichols and wife	46 00
Native evangelist in India	57 00
Mrs. Appleton	135 00
Santo Domingo	16 00
Juniors	33 21
Bicycle, Mr. Youngren	8 67
Seattle Seminary in India	425 00
Delegates' expenses	1 75

WESTERN CANADA—\$493.95

Foreign missions	\$ 351 58
Scholarships	35 00
India orphans	5 00
Native worker in Japan	63 50
Juniors	38 87

WEST IOWA—\$516.55

Foreign missions	\$ 440 47
India orphan	60 50
Juniors	10 68
Scholarships	4 65
Delegates' expenses	25

WEST ONTARIO—\$1,524.33

Foreign missions	\$ 856 62
Scholarships	121 55
Machopi	339 25
Juniors	204 44
Delegates' expenses	2 47

WEST KANSAS—\$688.19

Foreign missions	\$ 512 40
Scholarships	75 74
Native worker in Africa	77 60
Rose Cox	11 06
Juniors	11 39

WISCONSIN—\$988.84

Foreign missions	\$ 857 83
Scholarships	7 50
Juniors	28 97
W. L. Meikle	10 58
Native workers in Africa	60 00
India orphans	19 17
Harriet E. Sheldon	3 14
Delegates' expenses	1 65

MISCELLANEOUS—\$87.48

Advertising in <i>Missionary Tidings</i>	\$ 58 12
Sale of calendars	19 36
Unknown contributor	10 00

GENERAL HOME MISSIONARY
FUND—\$15.00

Wisconsin	\$ 15 00
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TOTAL RECEIPTS

Foreign missions	\$29,823 87
India orphans	593 05
Scholarships	1,805 20
Native workers in Africa	986 94
Native workers in Japan	766 30
Juniors	843 92
Delegates' expenses	42 85
Miscellaneous	4,562 24
General home missions	15 00

\$39,439 37

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid to general treasurer	\$37,890 34
Contingent fund	1,491 18
Delegates' expenses	42 85
General home missions	15 00

\$39,439 37

LILLIAN CAMP JENSEN, Treasurer.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

FROM OCTOBER 1, 1908, TO OCTOBER 1, 1909

CONFERENCE SOCIETIES	Date of Organization	District Societies	Local Societies	Active Members	Honorary Members	Y. P. and Junior Societies	Y. P. and Junior Members	Missionary Tidings Taken
California.....	1895	2	8	95	22	2	21	51
Central Illinois.....	1896	2	12	213	33		41	47
Colorado.....	1896	2	14	166	28		53	46
*Columbia River.....	1896	2	3	61	22		24	37
East Michigan.....	1896	4	37	336	63	5	139	49
East Ontario.....	1894	4	24	279	189	2	65	29
Genesee.....	1895	4	32	497	94	18	288	204
Illinois.....	1895	3	25	263	110	45	126	86
Iowa.....	1894	4	18	190	41		34	26
Kansas.....	1894	8	20	209	55	7	85	52
Michigan.....	1892	4	4	70	12	2	25	28
Minnesota and Northern Iowa.....	1897		78	91	7	1	17	12
Missouri.....	1896							
Nebraska.....	1897							
New York.....	1893	4	14	177	52	4	76	61
*North Dakota.....	1898	2	6	80	31	1	15	25
North Indiana.....	1895	2	6	143	43	2	47	4
*North Michigan.....	1900	4	4	120	14			12
North Minnesota.....	1898	1	8	62	1	1	5	11
Ohio.....	1892	5	18	239	64	4	62	46
Oil City.....	1899	6	51	618	249	24	316	108
*Oklahoma.....	1899	5	13	160	43	1	10	30
Oregon.....	1896	2	12	128	41	4	53	51
Pittsburg.....	1892	4	37	735	334	20	458	175
Platte River.....	1896	5	14	115	40	2	37	21
South Dakota.....	1892	3	10	102	25	2	59	37
Southern California.....	1899	2	16	333	88	12	327	80
Susquehanna.....	1895	7	23	294	85	10	137	101
Texas.....	1894	1	3	38	12	1	11	
*Wabash.....	1896	3	8	50	15	1	15	15
Washington.....	1896	3	15	212	54	5	61	99
Western Canada.....	1906	2	7	56	61	2	52	38
West Iowa.....	1896	4	2	123	20	1	9	26
*West Ontario.....	1896	5	27	372	196	13	444	100
West Kansas.....	1896	4	17	192	75	2	46	59
Wisconsin.....	1891	5	19	228	45	12	136	76
Total.....		119	604	7097	2262	210	3285	1832
Gain.....		3	85	130		75	316	

* Last year's report.

Life members, 205.

Gain, 69.

(MRS.) ELLA L. M'GEARY, Corresponding Secretary.

ADDENDA AND ERRATA

ARKANSAS AND SOUTHERN MISSOURI.—The name of Miss Jessie Shade should not appear among the list of evangelists. A. J. Grover has been appointed pastor at Hot Springs; address, corner Central and Greenwood avenue.

COLUMBIA RIVER.—The conference treasurer is Rev. E. H. Stayt, Moscow, Idaho.

ILLINOIS.—Chicago, First Church, has 24 members, 7 probationers; total, 31.

KANSAS.—Clay Center circuit does not appear in statistical table as no statistics were sent to the publisher.

NEW YORK.—The address of Rev. F. F. Shoup is 3333 Beech avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.

OIL CITY.—In the Oil City district should appear the following: "Youngsville and Sugar Grove..A. H. M. Zahniser, Youngsville, Pennsylvania."

OREGON.—On page 39, the name of S. G. Roper should appear after Gresham circuit; also E. L. Smith after Dayton and Newberg circuit.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.—The conference treasurer is Rev. S. F. Heilman, 305 East 9th street, Riverside, California. Rev. J. H. Brittain is conference evangelist. Was transferred from Oklahoma conference after conference session. Rev. D. C. Lamson was appointed district elder of the Arizona district after conference; and his wife, Nora Lamson, as supply at Phoenix. Their address is 439 East Adams street, Phoenix, Arizona.

SUSQUEHANNA.—Address of Rev. C. E. Christman is 51 East Center street, Gloversville, New York.

WEST IOWA.—Add \$38.75 to pastor's receipts, LeMars circuit. It was raised after conference.

[The mistakes and omissions given above were made by those sending the manuscripts for publication.]

